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"A New People For A New Age"

A Call To Assemble

United Methodist Women from across the United States will assemble in Louisville, Ky. April 27-30, 1978, with the promise of becoming "A New People for a New Age."

The stated purpose of the Assembly is ". . . to bring together members of United Methodist Women from all areas of church and society; to confront them with areas of critical need and concern; to challenge them to responsible action; and to help achieve a sense of unity in worship and in mission . . . "

It is with this purpose in mind that Louisiana United Methodist Women prepare to attend this all-important quadrennial meeting. A record number from our Conference will take part, and it is planned that three chartered buses will transport our members. Two will be leaving from New Orleans and one from Alexandria.

The Assembly will open on Thursday evening of the scheduled convention with a festival service of Holy Communion. The offering in this service will include not only financial giving from each conference, but also a loaf of homemade bread from each.

Friday's program will focus on signs and dimensions of the new age. Attention will be given to the future of economics and politics as seen from various points of view; the ethics of technology with regard to work/leisure and birth/death; and an evening of performing artists.

Saturday's focus will be on the " . . . challenge . . . " which is the heart of the assembly.

The Women's Division's new "Charter of Racial Policies" will be introduced. A Silent Vigil will be held at noon. Interest groups will be held in the afternoon. The evening will see a great celebration of women in a variety of ministries.

Bible Study will be a focal part of the entire meeting. An Intercessory Prayer Room will be set up, where prayer will be continuous, following the Prayer Calendar. A Quite Room, for rest and reflection, will also be available.

Workshops will offer 88 separate groups involving 40 topics.

All-in-all, this Assembly is an ambitious undertaking. With the roster of events so carefully scheduled, there still will be time for fellowship and interchange of ideas. It is a significant gathering that thoughtful, dedicated Christian women will want to take seriously.

The Louisiana delegation has been assigned America's Host Motel, which is directly across the river from the Convention Center in Louisville, site of the Assembly. A shuttle bus will be available to the Center. The cost for America's Host will be $22. single, $25. twin double, and $2.00 per person for more than two in a room. Plan to share a room with 3 or 4 if possible. Attendance goal for our Conference was originally set for 100; however, indications point to more than this number. The $20. registration fee will provide a complete packet for the Assembly and luncheon tickets for both Friday and Saturday. If you have **not made your plans, DO SO AT ONCE! Contact Amy Ward.**

"THOUGHTS . . ."

by Clytie F. Perry

I am writing this in the season of Epiphany. It is a time when one is more aware of the wonderful manifestation of God in Christ. Units of United Methodist Women are participating in activities and special services that open new understandings of the human life of Jesus Christ, first it is in the person of Jesus that God's redeeming message of love is revealed. The mystery, wonder and glory of what this message means excites me as I worship during this season.

It is a time, also, when district and conference executive committees are meeting. PROGRAM PLANNING and GOAL SETTING is being accomplished. These experiences are filled with the searching, openness and risk-taking of forever becoming mature, radiant Christians.

— there is the openness of trust and acceptance as work goes on in committees;

— risk-taking is being open, a sharing of who we really are at the conference table; new ideas, new thoughts and new opinions emerge.

There's risk-taking in our work of goal implementation. It's like mountain climbing. There's risk in the attainment of each higher ledge. Risk is always involved. Without it, what can be accomlished? To accomplish our goals we risk more — much more — than our ideas and beliefs

Risking ideas and relationships are only two kinds of risks encountered in our goals, in our PURPOSE realization. It is good to have this time to think about the mystery, wonder and glory of the divine manifestation.

A New Conference Newsletter —

With A New Look

To strengthen the lines of communication, the Conference United Methodist Women Newsletter will be sent to all local units' elected leaders and to members of the district and conference executive committees.

We are fortunate to have as our editor Thelma Brett (Mrs. Vernon P.), of Slidell. Thelma brings to us a wealth of experience in the field of journalism. My thanks to all who contributed to the publishing and mailing of the first issue. Our next issue will be a "special" on the School of Christian Mission. Publication date will be later this spring. Your comments will be helpful in evaluating and improving this communication.

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District "Doings"

(Editor's note: We have excerpted items of interest from the various districts who contacted the newsletter. Not all districts submitted material.)

Shreveport

Shreveport UMW's executive committee has encouraged leadership and more participation in each local unit, through use of a quarterly newsletter, Membership Workshop, District Retreat, Nominating Committee Workshop, District Annual and Local Elected Leaders Training. In addition, each unit is visited.

The units that show greatest development seem to be those which have encouraged their members to explore the opportunities for mission in their own community, as well as global.

Some district highlights: February — Retreat at Caney Conference Centre, with the Rev. Carol Cotton-Winn, leader; April 8, Involvement Awareness Workshop at Centenary College; October 8, Shreveport Annual District Meeting, Christ Church.

— Louvenia Carter, Shreveport

Ruston

The Executive Committee for the Ruston District set three goals for 1978. They are: Personal Commitment to Jesus Christ; Promoting the Understanding of the Purpose of UMW; and Reaching More Women. To carry out these plans and goals, teams will itinerate the district, and a newsletter will be published. Recommendations are to raise the pledging for 1979.

In February the Ruston District joined with the Shreveport District in a successful retreat at Caney Lake.

New Orleans — Slidell

If you don't feel the electricity in the air, it's not our fault . . . ! From the very day of our organizational meeting last October, we have felt a special excitement. Attendance at that gathering and our Elected Leaders' Workshop was excellent; cooperation and sincere comradeship was the order of the day, and a feeling of spiritual warmth permeated both experiences.

While many of us were "holidaying," Emma Burris was busy coordinating our Global Concern program for this year. Net result: four subdistrict engagements for retired missionaries Marian Derby and Sarah Bennett, held in January.

And more good news, concerning Assembly: eight young women applied for the Conference scholarships. Although we could recommend only one, we're working on the possibility of sending four of the eight. New Orleans-Slidell District is glad to share its excitement. Pass it on!

— Mrs. R.E. Eggerton, District Pres.

Baton Rouge — Hammond

Baton Rouge-Hammond District is off to a great start! The response of local units has been wonderful. The Mission Team accepted five invitations to present programs during January and February for local units.

The Executive Committee has planned the 1978 calendar to include a mission tour, day-apart, and as many "cluster" meetings as possible. Our goals include helping the smaller units where it is possible, organizing new units if necessary, and above all, PERSONAL contact with each unit.

Here in the Baton Rouge-Hammond District, our "cup runneth over" with joy and love as we go into the newly-formed district work for the Lord.

— Betty Blackman

Alexandria District

It was a cloudy, freezing day with two inches of snow on the ground and some bridges closed when the Alexandria District executive Committee met to plan for the new year.

The day was warmed, however, with the eagerness and enthusiasm with which the leaders tackled their task. Ambitious goals were set, as follows:

Uplift World Hunger Mission Emphasis through presentation of materials at a district meeting and in the district newsletter;

Continue membership emphasis by taking a survey of ideas used by local units in 1977;

Promote mission education through a mission tour;

Increase interest of younger women in UMW, through use of a scholarship to School of Christian Missions;

Visitation of every local unit;

Enhance personal evangelism with a retreat.

ISN'T IT GREAT BEING UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!?!

— Evelyn Evans, District President

New Orleans — Houma District

The historic organizational meeting

Good News!

by Janet Hoffpauir, Conference Treasurer

United Methodist Women in Louisiana have again surpassed their Pledge to Missions! We overpaid our 1977 goal of $150,000 by sending $163,327.49 to the Women's Division in undesignated giving.

"Pledge credit" is given the Louisiana Conference UMW for all pledges to mission and World Thank Offering gifts as well as all Memberships, Gifts for Mission, In Remembrance and Memorial Gifts.

Eight of our nine districts surpassed their pledge goal. These include the Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Hammond, Lafayette, Lake Charles, New Orleans, Ruston, and Shreveport Districts.

Based on increased giving and encouragement from their local women, six districts have raised their pledge for 1978. Numbered among those far-sighted women are the Alexandria, Baton Rouge-Hammond, Baton Rouge-Lafayette, Lake Charles, New Orleans-Houma, and Ruston Districts. Congratulations to you mission-minded women. God-speed!

Watch for a complete financial statement including all our designated gifts to many projects and programs in the "1978 Directory and Proceedings" which is now at press and will be sent soon to all local presidents.

DISTRICT PLEDGES TO MISSION FOR 1978

Alexandria District	$16,000
Baton Rouge-Hammond Dist.	14,000
Baton Rouge-Lafayette Dist.	24,000
Lake Charles District	26,000
Monroe District	19,000
New Orleans-Houma District	$20,000
New Orleans-Slidell Dist.	16,500
Ruston District	18,000
Shreveport District	27,500

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held on October 9, 1977 in First Church, Houma, was the beginning of the new district's activities.

The marvelous support of churches, pastors, laypersons, and institutional representatives, shown by their attendance, was notable. There were approximately three hundred persons representative of at least four different racial groups (Indian, Spanish speaking, White, Black), uniting as one in Christ to work for the Kingdom. The enthusiasm was overwhelming.

Mrs. George W. (Ruth) Carter was elected president. With her Executive Committee, many events have taken place and are being planned. A bi-district School of Christian Mission (with N.O. — Slidell) was held; workshop for local elected leaders; community responsibilities have been accepted; and we have been invited to work with the Children's Council for New Orleans, to help develop a Surrogate Parent Program in Compliance with the Education of the Handicapped.

— Ruth G. Carter, President
— Sandra Wilson, Secretary

Assembly Offering

Whether or not you attend the Assembly in Louisville, you can share in the Assembly Offering. In keeping with the Assembly theme, gifts will be used to enable women to move into the new age.

Projects which equip women to share their own future and that of their societies will receive grants from the offering. Such projects may include vocational and job training, self-development and human interaction skills, health care services, programs for women in media and in the church. Peer counseling programs, support systems for families and individuals with special needs, and programs which build linkages between women will also be among those funded. There are many far-reaching beneficial aspects of this offering.

Every local unit is encouraged to make a gift for the Assembly Offering. It should be sent to the District Treasurer, specially marked for the Assembly Offering.

World Federation Of Methodist Women

North American Area Seminar

by Mary Adele Compton

The World Federation of Methodist Women is an international association of Methodist women in 57 countries around the world, whose purpose is "to know God and make Him known."

Every member of the United Methodist Women is also a member of WFMW through the unit membership of the Women's Division.

Each year, preferably in the Fall, United Methodist Women have an opportunity to join with women from other units of the WFMW in their communities in the celebration of World Federation Day. This is the responsibility of the United Methodist Women's Vice President to promote this celebration, with special study material provided for this program.

The North America Area Seminar was held December 1-4, 1977 at the National 4—H Center, Washington, D.C. The theme for the meeting was "Women in Christ's Redeeming Work, The Past — Prologue to the Future." Miss Doris Handy, North America Area President, presided. The keynote

address "Women and the Use of Power" was given by Mrs. Elizabeth Kissack, President of the World Federation of Methodist Women. Other features of the seminar were Bible Study, an Ecumenical panel, small group discussion and presentation, and speakers. Representatives came from: Canada, the Caribbean and the Americas, African Methodist Episcopal (U.S.A.), African Methodist Episcopal Zion (U.S.A.), Christian Methodist Episcopal U.S.A.), and United Methodist (U.S.A.).

The eleven Regions met to plan for Regional Seminars in 1978. Region VII, made up of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, made arrangements for a planning meeting in Whistler, Alabama April 1, 1978. At this meeting a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected for the Southern Region. The tentative date and place of the Regional Seminar is set for November 17-18, 1978 in Jackson, Miss. The structure of the Seminar will be similar to the Area Seminar. Mrs. Elizabeth N. Thomas is serving as Convenor for the organizational planning meeting. Representatives from all units are invited to attend this Seminar.

It is hoped that State Satellite Seminars will follow in 1979, and City Spin-Offs will be held in 1980.

Among the sixty women present at the Seminar, Louisiana was represented by: Mrs. Elizabeth N. Thomas, Camphor United Methodist Women, Baker; Mrs. Robert Compton, United Methodist Women's Division member, Jennings; Mrs. Marguerite Cheatham, African Methodist Episcopal member, Oakdale.

Important Dates

School Of Christian Mission
Session I — July 18-21
Session II — July 21-23
(Centenary College, Shreveport)

Annual Meeting, Conference UMW
September 22-23, 1978
Broadmoor UM Church, Baton Rouge

Up-Date: Law Of The Sea

Would your local unit like to learn more about this important issue: Law of the Sea? You can learn more by contacting persons directly involved.

Here are some addresses:

Amb. Elliot Richardson, Law of the Sea Office, Dept. of State, Washington, D.C. 20520;

J. Bennett Johnston, U.S. Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20151;

Morris Udall, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs, 1324 IHOB, Washington, D.C. 20515;

President James Carter, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

Also, you may contact our Conference UMW Coordinators for more information: Mrs. Wayne Bryan, Box 355, Springhill, La. 70075; and Mrs Louis Bennett, 1402 Speed Ave., Monroe, La. 71201.

One UMW member became so interested about the "Law of the Sea" (after hearing it introduced during a district meeting), that she contacted her congressman personally. Mrs. James T. (Frances Lee) Saint, of Ponchatoula, who is Supportive Community Coordinator for the New Orleans-Slidell District, explains: "I . . . have learned that the 'Law of the Sea' aims to preserve the resources of the sea and the deep seabed for the benefit of all nations. The Murphy-Breaux Bill proposes the issuing of licenses and permits to individuals who are eligible for the purpose of exploration and recovery of hard minerals from the deep seabed. We need to learn all we can . . . "

Incidentally, this newsletter is informed that " . . . our resource persons urge us to oppose the Murphy-Breaux Bill . . . write your congressman!"

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DEAN NANCY CARRUTH ANNOUNCES 1978 SCHOOL OF MISSION

Nancy M. Carruth, Dean
School of Christian Mission

On the pages of this, your second edition of our Louisiana Conference newsletter, you will find much information concerning the School of Christian Mission to be held at Centenary College July 18-21 and 21-23 (week-end school). The theme of our school this year will be "The People of God — A Convenant Community." We feel that we are offering you one of the best faculties we have ever been privileged to obtain, and we hope that many of you will take advantage of this fine educational opportunity. Each year our school has grown in quantity and quality and we want to continue this trend.

We are initiating several new methods this year, and hope they will prove successful. First of all, you will note the registration form is included in this newsletter. In the past we have had trouble getting the registration cards to the people who want to attend, so this year we are making sure that everyone has easy access to it.

Please take time to look at the excellent faculty secured for you. As before, the Bible study (The Book of Revelation) will be presented to everyone, so you will need only to indicate your choice between the other two studies — "Covenant Living in Times of Change" and "Contemporary China." (If you attend both sessions, you can take them both.)

For those attending the weekday session (School I) July 18-21, we have an extra treat. We will have a fun night one evening — a time of fellowship and relaxation under the capable leadership of Dr. Ernestine Clark, Clytie Perry, and Elise Shoemaker. The latter is another of our "plusses" this year. Our capable Conference Coordinator of Christian Personhood, Helen Brock, secured the services of Mrs. Shoemaker to lead our singing and worship. Elise is so creative, I know she will add much to our school.

Our own Mary Adele Compton has agreed to set up a Learning Center that we know will be of much help to all of us. Gloria Chapman will present a full and most efficient Program Resource Room, and Mary Margaret Burris is chairing the presentation of Audio-Visual work.

Doesn't this make you want to attend? We hope so, for your committee has worked hard to get the best for you and we want you to take advantage of this opportunity.

See you in Shreveport In July!

President's Message

by Amy Ward

Last year more than 29,000 persons attended the Regional and Conference Schools of Christian Mission. What is a School of Christian Mission? Is it a good model for Christian education today?

The School of Mission is one of the major reasons United Methodists, especially United Methodist Women, retain a keen sense of mission in a day when other denominations are having trouble mustering support of any kind of outreach. The School of Mission offers opportunity for serious study of what it means to be Christians together in mission. One of the main reasons for the school is to introduce studies to be used in the ensuing year on district and local levels. There is a broad consultation in selection of annual studies, usually three in number, all considered "mission studies" though somewhat different.

There is always a "spirutual growth" study which is synonymous with Bible study. Another study explores Christian responsibility and challenge in some foreign region. The third has a domestic slant, taking into consideration the "global village" in which we live. Three generations of United Methodist Women have been informed and inspired at the schools. This is not to say that that is "something the women do" but is to be considered for the whole church as we seek together to study and grow in what it means to be in the Christian Ministry.

As Elliot Wright states, "The School of Christian Mission is a reliable, year in year out way to enrich the household of faith. Pioneered by church women who, in effect, proved that study bears spiritual fruit, the model is unique, adaptable and need not ever be 'old fashioned'." Won't you join us — pastors, men and women of the United Methodist Church?

MUSIC - WORSHIP - SCHOOL A TOTAL EXPERIENCE

by Helen Brock

"Behold, I make all things new." This theme scripture for our 1978 School of Christian Mission will set the tone for a new and exciting thrust being incorporated into our School this summer. Elise Shoemaker (Mrs. Robert Shoemaker), of Conway, Ark., is Music and Worship Coordinator.

Music and worship are being planned to flow throughout the School schedule and make it a coordinated and total worship experience for all participants.

Opportunity for those interested in the ways music can enable worship and motivate to mission will be offered in small group sessions with Elise. Meaning in worship will be explored through various experiences and discussions. Also, retreat goals will be pointed up.

Whether one considers herself "musical" or not, everyone may participate in these sessions we'll call "Sing-In Even for Non-Singers". Bring along your instrument, voice, and/or most especially your INTEREST, the only qualification really necessary to being part of the group. Plan to participate in some creative worship times with the group and as a total School body at various points through the School session.

Elise would like to have a nucleus of resource persons to assist her. So, it would be helpful for planning purposes if those interested in participating in the group sessions would write Helen Brock (Mrs. Walter H. Brock), 3744 Ridgetop Drive, Baton Rouge, LA. 70809, and indicate your interest. Also, if you have a specialty — instrument, voice (singing or speaking), creative movement, or such — please state it.

Other opportunities which will be offered on behalf of this emphasis on a total worship experience at School include the opening plenary, daily devotions, and closing session.

Inspiration and information will be blended together at the opening session of School through means of music, other forms of worship, and material related to the mission studies, which is being prepared by Dr. Lindsey Pherigo, Miss Barbara Campbell, and Mrs. J. Woodrow Hearn. This presentation is being coordinated by Helen Brock, Conference Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood.

Each morning will begin with a special worship time being led by District Mission Coordinators for Christian Personhood and by Elise Shoemaker and the "Sing-In" group on the final morning. Meaningful, attractive table graces, prepared by other District Coordinators, will be shared at meal time as a blessing of the food.

The closing session will be a culmination of the study on "Revelation," a worship experience designed by Dr. Pherigo as a service of commitment and a sending-forth.

"The People of God — A Covenant Community" is the theme chosen for the School theme. Sharing in music and worship throughout the time of study together should enable United Methodist Women to grow spiritually toward becoming that covenant community, the people of God.

Elise Shoemaker
Music and Worship Coordinator

Elise Shoemaker will bring to the 1978 School of Christian Mission a wealth of experience and accomplishment in her designated responsibility. She is Director of Music Ministry and organist of First UM Church, Conway, Ark., a member of the North Arkansas Conference Committee on Worship and of the Section on Worship of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church.

A graduate of Millsaps College, Jackson, Tennessee, she has done graduate study at the University of Texas. Twice she has been listed in Outstanding Young Women of America, and in 1975 was the recipient of a Distinguished Service Award from the Conway Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Shoemaker has participated in many events in her Annual Conference, as organist for UMW, youth events, laity, and others. She has served as worship leader for Conference and Regional Schools of Christian Mission.

Elise is married to Dr. Robert Shoemaker, chairman of the Department of Philosophy of Hendrix College.

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THE CURRICULUM — THE LE

The Book of Revelation

The purpose of this study is to examine Revelation in the cultural and religious context from which it came and to relate Revelation's content to contemporary culture and religion. It will explore the possibilities of what John was saying to the Christians of his day and will show how John's message is still relevant for Christians today.

Goals are: to help the reader and participant understand the oppression early Christians were suffering when Revelation was written; to understand John's theology of suffering and why he wrote his ideas in such a cryptic way; to provide information about the nature of apocalyptic and eschatological literature; and to interpret John's theory of history and his concept of the healing of the nations, with prophetic value for the contemporary global situation.

If the name *"Lindsey P. Pherigo"* is not a household word, at least he is a person well known among United Methodists and countless others who have had the opportunity to study and work under his leadership.

Professor of New Testament and Early Church History, Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, he has taught and lectured at Syracuse University, Scarritt College, and Vanderbilt University. He has authored numerous scholarly articles and commentaries, and holds membership in a number of professional societies. Doctor Pherigo, a native of Miami, Fla., was educated at the University of Florida, Boston University (Seminary and Graduate School), and in Oxford, England.

His participation in seminars, conferences, Schools of Christian Mission are numerous. His participation in our Conference School will offer a highlight for "students."

Contemporary China

For approximately 30 years, we have known little about the nearly one-

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fourth of the human race living in the vast country of China. This is a country larger than the whole of the USA and smaller only than Canada and Russia.

As almost inevitably happens, fear, misunderstanding and mistrust — and a variety of other emotions have accompanied the unknown quantity. It seems urgent for us to gain an understanding of an historical perspective of "The China Event." These words are used to describe the transition of China in recent times into an active part in global affairs.

Also urgent for Christians are the questions which the China Event raises for us: How do we understand the renewal/recovery of China? What can we as a community learn from China? What is our Christian response in regard to China?

Purpose of this study at our School is to explore the significance of the China event in light of the Christian gospel and its concern for human welfare. Leaders will direct participants in developing Christian attitudes toward the new China and its people by trying to understand the meaning of the Chinese Revolution.

Leaders of the study on Contemporary China are three well-qualified persons who come to the School from a variety of backgrounds.

Ernestine O. Gray Clark, of Fort Worth, Texas, has spent 30 years with the Fort Worth Public Schools, presently serving as a vocational counselor. She is actively involved in church and community endeavors, is a certified Lay Speaker, and holds positions of responsibility in her own St. Andrew's UM Church in Fort Worth.

Doctor Clark was educated at Prairie View University, Texas, Teacher's College of Columbia University, and Texas Woman University. She has held numerous positions in the Central Texas Conference, including Coordinator of Global Concerns, secretary of the Commission on Status and Role of Women, Chairperson Ecumenical Affairs, and UMW offices.

Mrs. Clark is married to Nathaniel Clark, and they have one daughter.

Barbara Campbell, New York City, is Assistant General Secretary in Administration, Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries, is a native of Illinois, and was educated at McKendree College and Scarritt. She has been with the Women's Division for a number of years, and is well known for her outstanding book, "United Methodist Women: In The Middle of Tomorrow."

Ms. Campbell was commissioned a deaconess in 1955. She has had rich experience in Regional and Conference schools as a teacher and in Conference Annual Meetings. She has done special work in leadership seminars and workshops. She is an active participant in her own local church in New York City and in her unit of United Methodist Women.

Mark Sheldon, is also a native of Illinois, is presently a seminar designer for United Methodist Seminars on National and International Affairs at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York City.

Mr. Sheldon has studied and worked in Hawaii, with emphasis in international relations and Chinese studies.

ADERS — THE INSPIRATION

Estelle Dameron

Elizabeth Thomas

Anne Hearn

Jerry Fuller

He also lived and worked in Hong Kong, Taiwan province, and the Philippines. Since 1973 he has been a staff member of the seminar programs. Previously he served as chairperson of the national United Methodist Council on Youth Ministry, as a member of the General Council on Ministries, and as a delegate to Jurisdictional and General Conferences.

In 1975, he visited China as part of an eastern region US-China People's Friendship Assocaition study tour. In 1977 he again visited the People's Republic as leader of a nationally sponsored USCPFA tour of community leaders.

Mr. Sheldon will be participating "out of experience" as well as study.

Covenant Living in Times of Change

It has been stated that we are at the end of an age in Western civilization. The end of the age for the West implies the beginning of a new age in which others will come to prominence.

Recognizing the emergence of a "new age" involving Third World nations, Christians are seeking to understand the implications of hope, challenge and change. We recognize this new age and at the School will explore the meaning of "covenant."

To be a covenant people in this era is to find hope, to keep commitment, to live by God's grace. It is to oppose things that preclude this commitment; to understand ourselves as a covenant people in relation to the world but not of the world, set apart, yet servant.

The purpose of the study is to help understand the characteristics of the new age which is being born; to identify with those who have been in similar positions in the Biblical period learning from covenant relationship; and on these bases to make a commitment for ourselves to renewal and participation as God's covenant people.

This study will provide much Christian reflection, exploration and understanding.

Mrs. George W. (Estelle) Dameron, a former President of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and a member of the former General Board of Missions, will be one of the highly qualified leaders of the "covenant" study. Mrs. Dameron, a native of Baton Rouge, is the widow of a United Methodist minister, is mother of a doctor-son, and the "proud" grandmother of three grandchildren.

She is a highly respected leader in our Conference, and holds offices in the Conference, District, and her local church. She is a graduate of Louisiana State University, and studied, also, at Scarritt College and at The Iliff School of Theology, Denver.

Mrs. Elizabeth N. Thomas, presently Baton Rouge-Lafayette District Coordinator of Children's Ministries, is no stranger to United Methodist Women. She has taught in Schools of Christian Mission in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

A retired counselor from East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, she received degrees from Dillard University, Xavier University, University of Illinois, University of California, and Louisiana State University.

Elizabeth has held numerous positions in the former Wesleyan Service Guild and as secretary of the Conference UMW. She served two terms as Dean of our Conference School of Christian Mission, and was Chairperson of the 1977 Annual Meeting Program of the Conference UMW.

Anne C. (Mrs. J. Woodrow) Hearn, of Baton Rouge, is another member of this teaching team. A native Texan, she received her college education at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Centenary College, McNeese State University, and Boston University. She is a certified teacher of social studies, has completed work for Certified Adult Laboratory Instructor (United Methodist), is an Adult Church School Teacher, and taught in the Conference School of Missions in 1968.

Anne is vitally involved in the many activities of First Church, Baton Rouge, where Doctor Hearn is pastor. She is, also, enthusiastically a part of community activity, serving on various boards and committees. She is recognized for her leadership in the church and civic communities, and at the same time serving as active "pastor's wife" and mother of four children.

Clarence G. (Jerry) Fuller is the fourth member of the teaching "quartet", and best known for his Campus Ministry work at UNO and SUNO for the past six years. Jerry, who is a native of DeRidder, received his education at Northwestern State, Perkins School of Theology, and at the University of New Orleans.

He has served as a minister and associate minister in a number of Conference appointments. In addition, he was Director of Music and Education of First Methodist, New Iberia, and was a music teacher in the public schools of Winn Parish for two years.

Jerry is married to the former Earline Usrey, and they are the parents of three children.

Jerry's expertise in the campus ministry will be reflected in his contributions to the "Covenant Living . . . " study.

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LIST OF TEXTS

FRIENDSHIP PRESS PUBLICATIONS, 1978-79

"For "Contemporary China"

China: Search for Community. By Raymond L. Whitehead and Rhea M. Whitehead $2.75.

Searching for the Real China: A Guide for Christians. By David Ng. $2.25.

TAKE THREE — China. Filmstrip with accompanying record, script and guidance.

China Look: Ideals of Life in Poster Art.

Map 'n' Facts: China

For "Covenant Living In Times of Change"

The Liberating Bond: Covenants — Biblical and Contemporary. By Wolfgang Roth and Rosemary Reuther. $2.95

Promises to Keep: A Workbook of Experiences for Covenant Living, by Dennis and Marilyn Benson. $3.95

WOMEN'S DIVISION PUBLICATION, 1978-79

For "The Book Of Revelation"

VISION At Patmos. Studies in the Book of Revelation. By Catherine Gunsalus Gonzalez and Justo L. Gonzalez. The title of the book is tentative and the price is to be determined.

NOTE: All of the materials listed above will be available from the Service Center, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237 in early spring, 1978.

HOUSING

Housing, this year, will cost $5.00 per night. Please do not ask us to reserve a room for only one night. This is not fair to those wanting reservations for the whole school and we must discourage this. We want all who can to attend, but if you feel you cannot stay for the complete school, please make your own overnight arrangements and leave the dormitory for our "full time students." We are short of space each year so register EARLY! Remember to bring your own linens, towels, pillow, soap, etc. Rooms are air-conditioned, so you will need a blanket.

Mailing address:
(Your Name)
Louisiana Conference U.M.W.
School of Christian Mission
P.O. Box 4188
Centenary College
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104

Telephone Number:
James Dormitory (318) 869-5313

MEALS

Cost of meals will be:

Breakfast	$1.60
Lunch	1.90
Dinner	2.25

Your cost for Room and Board for School I:

Meal Ticket	$17.25
Room	15.00
Total	$32.25

Cost for School II:

Meal Ticket	$ 9.60
Room	10.00
Total	$19.60

Everyone staying in the dormitory must pruchase a meal ticket. The Sunday noon meal will be $2.50 and neither it nor the Friday noon meal is included in the above totals so they will be extra if you choose to eat there.

From Evaluation Dialogue To Letter Writing

Join In The Fun

by E. Mae Calvin

We are continuing the conversation that we began with you by way of the Evaluation Form. We discovered the need to share with you the fact that the Conference Committee on the School of Christian Mission must follow the guidelines of the Women's Division in organizing the Staff and much of the subject matter and special interest themes. This Committee must also follow guidelines of Centenary College that relate to campus security and the use of buildings, grounds, cafeteria and dormitory.

This Committee must follow guidelines as they are given by the company that extends a plan of insurance.

Those persons who are part of the School also make requests of the Conference School of Christian Committee. With this in mind, we offer you an opportunity to express in 200 words or less: "What I Expect from the School of Mission 1978."

Please include the following: My expectations — Housing; Meals; Resources; Materials; Classroom Presentations; Audio-Visuals. Also, include number of classes to be taken; special interests; officer training; evaluation(s).

We offer the following awards to separate Districts: (1) $10.00 (registration); (2) $7.50 (registration); (3) $5.00 (registration).

Entries will be judged by a special committee.

Please send your letters to: Mrs. Wayne Bryan, Box 355, Springhill, La. 71075.

Deadline for receiving these letters is June 30. Do let us hear from you!

Registration Card

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women
School of Christian Mission
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana
Check school attending:
School No. 1, July 18-21, 1978 ( )
School No. 2, July 21-23, 1978 ( )
Name _____
Address _____
_____
Church _____ District _____
Office held _____
Staying on campus ( ) No ( )
Telephone No., if not staying on campus _____
First time at school ( )

Class Enrollment Card

Check School Attending:
School No. 1, July 18-21, 1978 ( )
School No. 2, July 21-23, 1978 ( )
Name _____
Address _____
_____ Zip _____
Church _____ District _____
Day and Time arriving _____
( ) Please check if first floor accomodations needed because of a physical disability.
Name of roommate requested _____
Confirm with the person you name.
To be filled in by Housing chairman:
James Dormitory Room No. _____

Housing Card

Check school attending:
School No. 1, July 18-21, 1978 ( )
School No. 2, July 21-23, 1978 ( )
Name _____ Address _____
You must have this enrollment card to be admitted to class, It will be at the desk of the Registrar, James Dormitory, for you. The class enrollment cuts off at 30. Register early. Check one of the studies listed below that you wish to take. The study "Revelations" will be presented to everyone.
Choose one:
Contemporary China ( )
Covenant Living ( )
Do you plan to teach this study? Yes ( ) No. ( )
To be filled in by Registrar:
Teacher_____ Room No. ____ Building _____
James Dormitory Room No. _____

Mail all parts of this card with check made out to:
Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

To: Mrs. Joe Rountree
P.O. Box 287
Marion, Louisiana 71260

Registration Fee:
$ 7.50 School 1 or 2
$10.00 if attending both schools
$ 2.50 for one day

Refunds for cancellation allowed up to July 3. Payment for housing and meals will be made when you check in at James Dormitory for school.

Registration Information

If you are attending School of Christian Missions, please clip this Registration form, fill it in and mail it along with your Registration fee **ONLY** to the Registrar: Mrs. Joe Rountree, P.O. Box 287 Marion, Louisiana 71260. Registration will be $7.50 for attendance at either school. If you plan to stay for both schools, the combined fee will be $10.00. If you are only attending one day, it will be $2.50. This covers expenses of registration plus your insurance that we must carry on everyone that comes on campus for the schools. So please cooperate and REGISTER EARLY to assure a place in the dormitory and to avoid last minute delays. If you have a preference for a room-mate, please indicate on your registration form, AFTER you have checked with the person you are indicating. This will avoid confusion for the Housing Chairman. You can be refunded your registration fee up until July 3. So if you find you cannot attend, please notify the Registrar and also the Housing Chairman, Mrs. F.E. Kennon, 402 Pa. Avenue, Minden, La. 71055 so that your room may be released for someone else.

Attention District Superintendents and Local Pastors

Since this letter is being sent to all of you, it is our hope that you will make plans for your District Chairpersons of Mission to attend this school so that they will be better prepared to set up your District Christian Mission Education. Also it would be valuable to local Chairpersons of Mission, so that this material can be assimilated into the local churches. Men are most welcome at the school and we hope to have an increase in their number.

INTER-CONFERENCE PILOT PROJECT AND OTHER EVENTS

Ruth Carter, president of the New Orleans-Houma District has announced an important event to be held on June 18. Women's Division President Mai Gray will be the guest speaker for Women's Day at First Street UM Church in New Orleans. Ruth extends a cordial welcome to all who will attend.

Other news concerning our United Methodist Women: Conference Mission Coordinators of Christian Global Concerns, Margaret Bryan and Christian Social Involvement Gloria Bennett attended the Seminar on Human Rights in New York. They will be sharing their experiences and information throughout the Conference. Margaret Byran was invited, also, to participate in an Economic Justice Seminar held in New York in March.

Elected leaders from two districts each of the Alabama-West Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana conferences met in Biloxi March 18-19 for an Inter-Conference Training Session.

This pilot project, funded by the Women's Division and sponsored by the Regional Consultative Committee lists a half-dozen goals that will lead to better understanding and implementation of tasks. You will be hearing more from members of the Shreveport and New Orleans-Slidell Districts about this, as similar presentations are planned, based on the pilot program.

(The information was provided by Mrs. Robert E. Eggerton, President of the New Orleans-Slidell District.)

TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY - WHILE YOU CAN

"The People of God — A Covenant Community" is a theme well chosen for the 1978 School. It encompasses three basic studies, and at the same time places the school, itself, on a level of Christian professionalism. Dedicated United Methodist Women from throughout our Conference will want to take advantage of this school even if they have never before experienced the enriching opportunities provided within easy geographical and financial reach.

Conference officers have thoughtfully and studiously prepared the activities, and under the inspiring leadership of Dean Nancy Carruth, this school has the earmarks of being the "best ever." Local units are urged to make plans now for members to attend. It is a time of learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth. It is moment — a few days — a "happening" not to be missed!

— Thelma Brett, Editor
Conference Newsletter

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Annual Meeting at Baton Rouge Broadmoor United Methodist

Members of the UMW of Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge, are making plans now for the conference UMW annual meeting September 22-23. Principals involved include the president of the local unit, Mrs. Carl Camp; the local general chairman, Mrs. Jack Story, and her co-chairman, Mrs. Murphy H. Roberts.

Broadmoor United Methodist Church in eastern Baton Rouge is to be the setting of the annual meeting of the Conference United Methodist Women, September 22-23. Under the leadership of the local chairman, Mrs. Jack Story, extensive planning is underway to assure that the 600-plus women in attendance will have a profitable and enjoyable experience.

Mrs. Carl Camp is president of the local unit, and she is extending a "Welcome" to all delegates.

Co-chairman for local activities is Mrs. Murphy Roberts. In addition, many women of the church are engaged in the planning and implementation of the meeting. Mrs. W. L. Sutton is the treasurer, and Mrs. John O. Cook is serving as local church arrangements coordinator.

Handling plans for the Conference Executive Committee is Mrs. Harris Copenhaver, and Mrs. Walter McLean is in charge of the duties for several district churches. Mrs. Richard Sarley is packets chairman; Mrs. O. M. Pourciau, Jr., flowers; and Mrs. Julian A. Darden, publicity.

Broadmoor Church was chartered just 23 years ago, when the Rev. J. P. Woodland (now of Slidell), was pastor. With a current membership of almost 4,000, the congregation is the second largest in the conference. The Rev. Dr. Douglas McGuire is senior pastor.

Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge, will be the host church for the annual meeting of the conference, UMW September 22-23. Above is their modernistic sanctuary, built in 1963.

Call To Annual Meeting

by Amy Ward

All United Methodist Women are invited to the Annual Meeting, September 22-23, 1978 to be held at Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. Registration will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The voting membership (delegates) will be composed of the following persons: members of the conference executive committee; district officers; delegates from local units: wife of the resident bishop; all conference presidents and chairmen of the former Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guild of the former conferences A and B, and their predecessor organizations.

Local units shall be represented at the annual meeting on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof, providing every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership shall be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the Conference president 60 days prior to the annual meeting. (Standing Rules of the Conference Organization.)

Ladies of the Baton Rouge-Hammond District will furnish lunch on Friday and Saturday, and coffee and coffee cake at the church on Saturday morning. We appreciate the hospitality of the ladies of Broadmoor Church and the Baton Rouge-Hammond District.

The Conference executive committee has approved certain changes in By Laws and Standing Rules, which will be submitted to the annual meeting for consideration and vote.

A NEW CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES

United Methodist Women have struggled against racism for many years. This struggle has involved study of the nature of racism and how it permeates the structures of our communities, nation and world. It has also involved women in taking concrete actions to put convictions into deeds. This action occurred in positive steps by 1941.

The first Charter of Racial Policies was adopted in 1952 and was revised in 1962. Both versions served as catalyst for discussion and action. The 1962 Charter was recommended to the General Conference and was adopted as the official position of the entire church in 1964.

But new times demand new efforts. New challenges have emerged. Global realities are demanding. We recognize our inter-dependence and must find new structures and ways of living which fit into new realities. That is why the Women's Division feels that a new Charter of Racial Policies is needed to chart a course for our future in an inter-dependent world.

Peggy Billings

A **New Charter for Racial Justice Policies** was presented to United Methodist Women by the president of the Women's Division at Assembly in April, 1978 in Louisville, Kentucky. In effect, this means that it was referred to all parts of the organization at the same time. However, there have to be orderly procedures with assigned responsibilities and time tables to meet the target date for ratification, which is March 1, 1980.

Ratification means an official pledge to implement the Charter in every Jurisdiction, Conference, district and local unit. Ratification is the initial phase; a plan of implementation is also necessary if the goals are to be achieved. This Charter will be presented to the Louisiana Conference at the Annual Meeting. The vote of the annual meeting refers the Charter to all districts and local units. A plan for the conference will also be presented. We look forward to participating in this opportunity.

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan "Elizabeth"

When the annual meeting of the Louisiana Conference, United Methodist Women, takes place September 22-23, the chairperson of the task force on the meeting's program will be familiar not only in Louisiana but throughout the country. She is Mrs. Charles B. McGowan of Baton Rouge and the meeting will take place in her home city.

Elizabeth McGowan is a former president of the Louisiana Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, and during the last Quadrennium served as a member of the Women's Division and the Division of U.M.C.O.R. of the Board of Global Ministries.

She was born and educated in Mississippi, where she graduated from Mississippi State College for Women. She has also done graduate work at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City. In addition to teaching in the public schools, Mrs. McGowan, during World War II, taught in one of the War Relocation Authority Japanese Camps.

She is currently a delegate to her annual conference, and a member of the Conference Board of Global Ministries. Mrs. McGowan is a member of First UMC in Baton Rouge where she is on the Administrative Board, vice-chairperson of the Commission on Missions.

Mrs. McGowan has taught in Conference Schools of Christian Mission in several jurisdictions.

Worship Experiences Will Be Creative

Creative worship experiences that will add beauty and dignity to the annual meeting of UMW is the charge of a team clergy couple, the Reverends Nancy and Randall Gammill. They are working with Mrs. Walter Brock of Baton Rouge, Conference Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood.

Randall currently is serving the Francis Asbury Church in Baton Rouge, and Nancy works in the educational ministry of the church. In the annual meeting devotionals they will be assisted by the Francis Asbury UMW.

"Women of Faith in Dialogue" is one of the image-provoking titles they have chosen for a worship time. At other vantage times they plan to introduce interpretative dancing into the worship experience. At one point they will use an original song written by a friend, David Bennett.

Both Gammills attended St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, having graduated in 1976.

AN OVERVIEW

Annual Program Is Diversified, Inspirational

Using as the meeting theme "Ye Shall Be My Witnesses," Mrs. Truman Ward will convene the annual meeting of the Louisiana United Methodist Women on September 22.

Registrations are being accepted now by the host group for the two-day meeting, which will begin at noon on Friday and conclude at noon the next day.

In addition to an outstanding national speaker (featured elsewhere in this publication) several other highlights are being announced by Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, program chairperson.

Small Groups

On the first afternoon of the meeting, delegates will gather in small groups related to the current two year goal on personal commitment. Witnessing through personal commitment is an ongoing goal, Mrs. McGowan points out; and these small groups will express some of the ways witnessing can be presented in programs to the local units. Each of the nine districts of the Conference is assuming responsibility of leading a group.

A special choir composed of UMW volunteers from throughout the state will be an added feature. Mrs. Walter Brock is currently "recruiting" and

welcomes response! Mr. Wayne Millet, director of music at Broadmoor Church, will direct. His chancel choir is scheduled to present music on Friday evening.

Mrs. Nathaniel Perry, Conference Vice-President, has a special "assignment" as roving reporter. She will interview representatives from five of the mission projects in the state. This presentation will be one of the high points.

The session will conclude with a meaningful service of communion on Saturday. Assisting Host Pastor Dr. Douglas L. McGuire, will be the Rev. Nancy Gammill; Baton Rouge-Lafayette District Superintendent Dr. W.T. Handy, Jr.; and Baton Rouge-Hammond District Superintendent the Rev. Kirby A. Vining.

REGISTRATION

This registration card should be returned to Mrs. Jack Story, 2018 Connie Drive, Denham Springs, LA. 70726. Registration fee for everyone is $2.00. The Friday evening meal ($4.50) will be held at the church. This is for everyone, but reservations must be made by September 8th. Send the money for registration and the dinner when the registration card is returned. Make check payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting. Be sure to indicate if you are a voting delegate. No refunds can be made after September 8th, but alternates may be substituted.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN — 1978

Name _____ (first name _____)
Address _____
Delegate _____ Non-voting member _____
Church _____ City _____ Distrist _____
Office held _____ Number in Unit _____
Address during meeting: Motel _____
Time of arrival: _____
Meal $4.50 (No meal tickets issued nor refunds made after September 8th.)
Registration $2.00 Amount of check _____
Payment of Registration Fee and Meal Ticket must accompany this card.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

A new feature of Conference Annual Meeting will be the "VOLUNTEER CHOIR." This will provide an opportunity for singers to be involved in the meeting as a means of personal enrichment and service.

There will be a choir rehearsal at Broadmoor Church on Friday September 22, 11:00-12:00 noon and a second brief rehearsal following the afternoon session.

Please contact Mrs. Walter H. Brock, 3744 Ridgetop Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

Pre-registration is desirable for planning purposes. However, if you do not get pre-registered, you can still participate by reporting to the Friday 11:00 a.m. rehearsal to see if space is available.

National Church Leader Will Highlight Annual Meeting

The Rev. Mary Louise Rowand

Highlighting the UMW annual meeting September 22-23 will be the presence of the national president of Church Women United, the Rev. Mary Louise Rowand of Dallas, Tex. Mrs. Rowand will speak at the evening session on Friday in the sanctuary of the Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, and again on Saturday morning.

Special guests at the annual meeting will be the Louisiana state president of Church Women United, Mrs. W.O. Browder of Baton Rouge, and also the Baton Rouge president, Mrs. Arthur Thiel. An interesting note is that Mrs. Thiel is a member of the host UMW unit for the annual meeting.

CWU is a national ecumenical women's movement uniting Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox in Christian fellowship and action through some 2,000 units throughout the United States. As president, the Rev. Rowand leads the 127 member board and acts as the chief spokesperson for CWU.

A native of Fairmont, W. Va., she is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and is married to the Rev. E. C. Rowand Jr., senior pastor of the Central Christian Church in Dallas.

Mrs. Rowand is a trustee of Texas Christian University and Brite Divinity School. In addition to being quite active in her own church, she served many years on the Dallas Area Board of Christian Churches, was vice-president of the Dallas Council of Churches and headed religious observances there during the bicentennial year.

For the past 10 years on the Women's Council of Dallas, she has worked with juvenile ofenders. As an active Dallas citizen, Mrs. Rowand speaks and preaches on behalf of those who are too often unheard and is interested in helping women move out from church walls into relationships to people in prisons, hospitals, women's centers, rehabilitation centers and counseling centers. She meets with women's organizations and other groups to inform, inspire and "push them out to DO!"

She has been named annually since 1965 by the **DALLAS TIMES HERALD** AS ONE OF THE TOP TEN WOMEN NEWSSHAPERS IN THE Dallas area.

She was also cited as the most valuable woman in the field of religion by Soroptomist International and as one of the ten most valuable women in civic affairs by the YWCA.

Babysitting

If you wish Babysitting service contact Mrs. Jack Story, 2018 Connie Drive, Denham Springs, Louisiana 70726

PROGRAM
"YOU ARE MY WITNESSES"

Friday, September 22, 1978

"You shall be my witnesses in Jersusalem . . . " (Acts 8bRSV)
12:45 Prelude . . . . . Organist
1:00 Convening of Annual Meeting. . . . . Mrs. Truman Ward
Hymn 1 "O For A Thousand Tongues"
"Women of Faith Dialogue"
. . . . . The Rev. Nancy and Randy Gamill
Prayer . . . . . Mrs. Arthur Lundy
Welcome . . . . . Mrs. Carl Camp, Mrs. John Blackman
Dr. Douglas L. McGuir
Report of President . . . . . Mrs. Truman L. Ward
Business
Appointment of Committees
Recommendations from Executive Committee . . . . . .
Mrs. Louis Chrisman
Report of Treasurer . . . . . Mrs. Richard Hoffpauir
Presentation and Adoption of 1979 Budget
Report of Constitution and Bylaws . . . . . .
Mrs. G.W. Dameron
Report of Committee on Nominations . . . . . .
Mrs. Vera Williams
Election of Officers
Presentation of Program Resources . . . Mrs. Carlyle Chapman
Presentation of Program . . . . . Mrs. Charles B. McGowan

Creative Worship Experience . . . . . The Gamills

The Roving Reporter and Projects . . Mrs. Nathaniel Perry
Dulac Community Center . . . . . Rev. Spiller Milton
St. Marks Community Center. . . . . Mr. David Billings
People's Community Center . . . . . .
Rev. Wm. R. London, Jr.
MacDonell U.M. Children's Services . . . . . .
Mr. G.J. Bridges
Sager Brown School ...Rev. Henry Gage

Break —
Small Group Presentations . . . . . .
"Personal Commitment to Jesus Christ — Witnessing"

Friday Evening Session

"You shall be my witnesses . . . in all Judea and Samaria"

7:20 Organ Prelude . . . . . .
Call to Worship
Hymn 153 "God of Love and God of Power"
Prayer
Recognition of Retiring Conference Leaders . . . . . .
Mrs. Robert Compton
Special Music . . . . . .
Broadmoor Chancel Choir — Mr. Wayne Millet, Director
Recognition of Ordained Women or Diaconal Ministers of Louisiana Conference
Introduction of Speaker . . . . . Mrs. Truman Ward
Address. . . . . The Rev. Mrs. Mary Louise Rowand
Offertory. . . . . .
Hymn . . . . . 150 "A Charge To Keep I Have"
Benediction . . . . . .

Saturday, September 23, 1978

"You shall be my witnesses . . . to the end of the earth."

7:30 Coffee and Doughnuts
8:30 Song Festival . . . . . Volunteer Choir
Mr. Wayne Millet, Director
Silent Meditation and Prayer . . Mrs. Walter H. Brock
Special Music . . . . . Volunteer Choir
Presentation of "Charter for Racial Policies" . . . . . .
Mrs. Truman Ward
Business. . . . . .
Pledge Service. . . . . Mrs. Richard Hoffpauir
Report of Registration
Place of Annual Meeting 1979
Solo. . . . . Mr. Wayne Millet
Address. . . . . The Rev. Mrs. Mary Louise Rowand
Hymn. . . . . 209 "O Zion Haste"
Commissioning of Elected Leaders . . . . . .
"It's The News" . . . . . .

Sacrament of Holy Communion . . . . . Celebrants:

Dr. McGuire, Dr. Handy, The Rev. Nancy Gamill, Rev. Kirby Vining

Adjournment of Meeting. . . . . Mrs. Truman Ward

LIST OF NOMINEES

VICE PRESIDENT — Mrs. Walter (Helen) Brock, 3744 Ridgetop Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

TREASURER — Mrs. Richard (Janet) Hoffpauir, 924 Main Street, Franklin, La. 70538

MISSION COORDINATORS — SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY — Mrs. George (Jessie) Chastain, 813 Henrietta Lane, Lake Charles, La. 70601.

CHRISTIAN PERSONHOOD — Mrs. Howard (Audrey) Milo, 1706 Severine, Shreveport, Louisiana 71108.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT, Mrs. T.J. (Johnnye) Butler, 724 - 18th Street, Franklinton, La. 70438

CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS — Mrs. Williams Route 5, Box 362, Bastrop, Louisiana 71220.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS — Mrs. Hollis (June) Summerall (3 years), 3813 Bobbitt, Shreveport, Louisiana 71107.

Mrs. J.D. (Mary Frances) Cardwell (3 years), Route 2, Box 28-A, Simsboro, Louisiana 71245.

Mrs. E. Mae Calvin (3 years), 8933 Stroelitz St., New Orleans, Louisiana 70118.

Mrs. Shirley Kalling (2 years - to fill unexpired term of Johnny Butler), 5001 Wade Drive, Metairie, La. 70003.

DIRECTORS WILL SHARE PROJECTS' PROGRAMS

by Clytie Perry

This year at the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, the Directors of our Conference Projects will give valuable information to those present by sharing on the Program. We welcome them heartily to the 1978 meeting! Their work in ministry is revelant to the missionary task of United Methodist Women in our conference. Each local unit on the several districts is deeply interested in the work of each Project. Therefore, each of the Directors will have opportunity to dialogue with the group in plenary session. A question and answer period will serve to focus on individual concerns and understandings after brief presentations by the Directors.

Mrs. Nathaniel (Clytie) Perry

Five Projects serve the Conference with competent directors!

Dulac Community Center, Dulac, Louisiana 70353, Rev. Spiller Milton, Director; **McDonell United Methodist Children's Services,** Houma, La., Mr. Jerry Bridges, Director, 1210 East Main Street, 70360; **Peoples Community Center,** New Orleans, La. 70113, **Rev. William R. London, Jr.,** Superintendent, 2909 Simon Bolivar Ave., **Sager Brown School,** Baldwin, La. 70514, Box 197; **St. Mark's Community Center,** 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, La., Mr. David Billings, Director.

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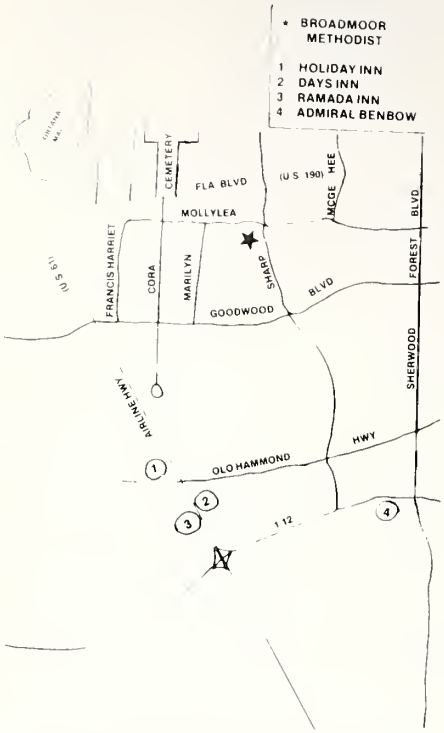

Mrs. Nathaniel Perry, Conference Vice President and Chairperson of the Conference Program Committee, will lead the Directors in an involvement with the audience. It is hoped that this method of presentation will provide opportunity for the directors to state their feelings and aspirations so that the women will become more knowledgeable and active in support of the projects.

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New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

MOTEL INFORMATION

HOLIDAY INN SOUTH - 9940 Airline Highway (504) 924-7021
50 rooms available
Rates: 2-3-4 persons: $25.00

DAYS INN - 10245 Airline Highway (504) 293-9680
50 rooms available
Rates: 1 person: $12.88
Add $3.00 for each additional person (Maximum: 5 to a room)

ADMIRAL BENBOW INN - Mead Road (I-12 at Shrewood Forest Blvd.) (504) 293-9370
75 rooms available
Rates: Single: $19.00
Double: $24.00
4 to a room: $30.00

RAMADA INN - 10330 Airline Highway (504) 293 4100
50 rooms available
Rates: 2 to a room: $27.00
4 to a room: $33.00

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"Living Personal Commitment"
A Retreat for 150

This group of retreat planners (steering committee) had much to smile about as they finalized plans, They are: (from left, foreground Mrs. Ardessie C. Prophet, president, Baton Rouge-Lafayette District; Mrs. Fred Barr, Ruston District Vice-President; Mrs. Lois Kohler, Nashville Region Women's Division Staff Advisor; (standing) Conference President Mrs. Truman Ward; and (seated), Mrs. Walter Brock, Conference UMW Vice-President and Chairperson of the retreat.

A unique opportunity is in the offing for local women of the Louisiana Conference, United Methodist Women. A retreat stressing "Living Personal Commitment" is set for the weekend of March 23-25, 1979 at the Seashore Methodist Assembly in Biloxi, Miss.

This gathering is planned with complete informality in mind, in a setting that lends itself to comfortable clothes and outdoor appreciation. At the same time two outstanding women leaders will structure a community that provides time for individual reflection as well as corporate worship.

A retreat is an experience of confronting God and ourselves and it is hoped this Lenten season event will provide the opportunity to do that. Mary Lou Van Buren of the Women's Division staff who specializes in working with retreats and spiritual life programs for growth says a retreat is "a deliberate and intentional participation in a set period of time to experience a new awareness of the presence of God. A retreat should provide an awareness that Christ is here."

Space limitations will set the total registration acceptances to 150 local women. A waiting list will be kept in the event that some registrants will need to drop out. The retreat comes as a culmination of the Conference two-year goal on "Personal Commitment to Jesus Christ," recognizing that such a goal has no limitation in time but is an ongoing desire.

A steering committee of 16 women long active in local, district and conference UMW events has been at work for several months with the chairperson, Mrs. Walter H. Brock, Conference vice-president, to fix the details of the stimulating weekend. They stress that the retreat is planned for those who can participate in the total program and registration is open to those who can make a commitment for the entire weekend. It is hoped that a person not able to attend the whole weekend will not register, thus holding that place for a full time participant.

From Thessalonians

"May the Lord make your love mount and overflow towards one another and towards all...May he make your heart firm...," taken from I Thessalonians 3:11-13 (NEB), which is the main scripture reference for the retreat.

Mrs. Lois Kohler, a member of the Women's Division staff of the Nashville region, and Mrs. Cecil R. Matthews of Lubbock, Tex., a member-at-large of the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries, are the two keynoters of the weekend. They will provide the guidance for moving through the daily activities. Included are personal quiet times of reflection, meditation, walking or prayer. These times are planned to balance with periods of a gathered community expressive of joy and service.

Members of the steering committee will have areas of responsibility in small reflection groups which will be marked by sharing and the preparation of individual journals. They will

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President's Message

By Amy Ward

We have just celebrated the birth of the Christ child and reflect upon the meaning of this event in our lives. As we receive God's gift of his son we want to share this love and joy with others. 1979 has been declared by the United Nations to be the "International Year of the Child," and this offers us the opportunity to share our love and concern with all of God's children.

The United Nations "Declaration of the Rights of the Child" asserts:

The right to affection, love and understanding.

The right to adequate nutrition and medical care.

The right to free education.

The right to full opportunity for play and recreation.

The right to a name and nationality.

The right to special care, if handicapped.

The right to be among the first to receive relief in times of disaster.

The right to be a useful member of society and develop individual abilities.

The right to be brought up in a spirit of peace and brotherhood.

The right to enjoy these rights, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national or social origin.

"Not clothes, nor language, nor color, nor nation can change the soul of the child; in kissing, in crying and in song the children of the world are one..." Luchi Blanco de Cuzco. Children have no voice...WILL YOU speak for children?

"Will You Speak for Children" (Leaflet); "Speaking for Children" (75 cents); "response" January 1979, March 1979. (All available from Service Center.)

MISSION APPEALS— Good, Bad or Appropriate?

A United Methodist Woman can at times be astonished by the myriad requests to "buy," "sell," "give," "support" which come to her on behalf of the organization. Requests come in several categories.

Some mailings seek to exploit United Methodist Women by using a picture of a neglected and deprived child staring from a folder and promising to help the child and send your unit a personal letter—all for a small monthly contribution.

Leaflets and letters come from directors of Annual Conference projects and institutions, always with a stated need for additional funds for budget, special projects or new building campaign. Many promote Advance Specials.

Appeals come from members of the congregation and the pastor. "Our Girl Scout Troop needs money for equipment." "The parsonage needs new drapes." "The kitchen needs a new set of pans." "The apportionments can't be paid without some help from UMW."

Specific requests addressed to the officers of the organization perpetuate old stereotypes and distort our Purpose.

How is the local unit to deal with such requests? There is no simple or easy answer, for at the heart of all this we must determine "What is mission?" Is the appeal appropriate to United Methodist Women? Things that seem to be clearly related to the organization should be brought to the appropriate committee. Things unrelated should be discarded.

Remember that the Women's Division and the Louisiana Conference UMW have a long-distance policy which forbids the distribution of lists of members/officers of the organization. This policy intends to protect the individual and the organization, and yet other groups use, buy, sell these names.

Ask if this appeal is uniquely a church responsibility. Or is it really a community or civic undertaking which will be supported by persons of the community who will not support mission outreach. These responsibilities belong to us as individual citizens and not as members of UMW.

Use the Purpose as a plumbline. Is the appeal in harmony with the program and responsibilities of UMW? The program may be quite good, but not related to the Purpose of the organization.

Is the project related to the National Division or to the Louisiana Annual Conference? It is imperative that you make this distinction. There are many institutions related to the National Division which address needs of women and children otherwise being ignored. The National Division counts on our pledge to mission giving for over 50 percent of its budget from which these agencies receive money each year.

Projects which are related to Louisiana but not related to the National Division are not a responsibility of United Methodist Women. They should be supported by the total membership of every congregation.

All too many comments and jokes are made in the church about "women having all the money." There are those who believe that women are warm-hearted and will automatically respond to any appeal. There are some who see United Methodist Women as the easiest way of getting a job done. As financial pressures increase, local units must exercise great care in selecting those things which will support above and beyond its pledge.

Historical Records Presented

Mrs. J.A. Stinson of Pineville, Conference Historian presents some UMW records to Mrs. Raymond Christensen of Natchitoches, a member of the Conference Commission on Archives and History.

Registration Information

If you plan to attend the Retreat, please clip the Registration form, fill it in, and mail it to Mrs. Fred Barr, 200 Fairfield Dr., Ruston, La. 71270, along with a check or money order for $36.00 made payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women. This includes lodging for two nights, 6 meals, travel insurance, study materials, etc. Housing varies; room assignments will be made in order of receipt of registration - so REGISTER EARLY! Each room can accommodate 4 persons. If you have a preference for a roommate(s), please indicate this on the Registration form **after** checking with the person(s) you are indicating. (Registrations mailed together would insure persons being assigned to the same room.) Upon our receipt of the registration fee, you will receive booklets for your reading/reflection prior to the Retreat. No refunds can be made after March 9 unless your place is filled from a waiting list. All Retreat participants are required to stay on the Assembly grounds. There are no accomodations for men.

If you cannot attend but would like to participate, a plan has been devised for your involvement at home. Check the box "Individual Retreat at Home" on the Registration Form and enclose $2.00. Materials and instructions will be mailed to you. Also, you will be remembered through intercessory prayer at the Retreat.

REGISTRATION
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
RETREAT
Seashore Methodist Assembly, Biloxi, Mississippi
March 23-25, 1979

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

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Church _____ City _____ District _____

( ) Check if first floor accommodations needed because of physical disability.

Name(s) of roommate(s) requested:

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(Confirm with persons listed above before sending registration)

☐ Retreat at Biloxi - cost $36.00

☐ Individual Retreat at home - cost $2.00

Make check payble to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Retreat. Mail to: Mrs. Fred Barr; 200 Fairfield Dr.; Ruston, Louisiana 71270

LAW OF THE SEA

Two thirds of the planet
Covered by sea,
But does it belong
To you or to me?

Could produce twice the food
For the world's hungry brood,
But nobody knows
Where the boundary goes.

One hundred coastal nations
Would like a celebration
For 200 off shore miles
Written in their legal files.

Yet a nation inward bound
Might protest and boldly expound,
"We, too, need oil and food,
How can you be so crude?"

No courts to set in motion
The laws about the ocean.
Without action and concern,
World War 3 could take its turn.

Margaret Bryan
Conference Coordinator,
Christian Global Concerns

Louisiana Women Attend WFMW Meeting

The Southern Region (USA) meeting of the World Federation of Methodist Women was held in Mobile, Ala. November 17-18, at State Street African Methodist Eposcopal Zion Church. Attending from the Louisiana Conference were: Mrs. Truman Ward, Mrs. Walter Brock, and Mrs. Robert Compton, Mrs. Bunyon Jacobs of the Christian Episcopal Methodist Church, was a fourth delegate from Louisiana, Mrs. Jacobs of Shreveport, will convene the committee meeting to plan the Louisiana Satellite Seminar scheduled for November 1979.

It was noted that the next quinquennium meeting of WFMW will be held in Hawaii in 1981. The purpose of the World Federation is "To know Christ and to make Him known." All United Methodist Women are members of the organization.

Mrs. Elizabeth N. Thomas of Camphor Church, Baton Rouge, served as Regional Chairperson for this meeting. The theme was "Women in Christ's Redeeming Work - the Past-Prologue to the Future." The keynote address was by Mrs. Doris M. Handy of the North American Area, President of WFMW.

WE BEGIN ANEW—ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEW YEAR?

Try the 1979 READING PROGRAM - "response" December 1978 pp 32-37 CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL "Aliveness with God" - Faye Matthews PROGRAM RESOURCE BOOK - "Whole People Through Jesus Christ"

Dates for Your Calendar

School of Christian Mission
July 17-20, 20-22, 1979
Centenary College, Shreveport

Theme
"Dimensions of the Kingdom - Biblical and Contemporary"

Studies
The Parables
Human Rights and
The International Order
Middle East Mosaic

Annual Meeting
September 21-22, 1979
First United Methodist Church
Shreveport

WHAT'S DOING IN THE DISTRICTS

Lake Charles

Although the Lake Charles District has been spared strong winds of the seasonal Gulf hurricanes, we do feel a "fresh wind of the spirit" in our District.

The Executive Committee has included among its "Blessings" the following: A new record of attendance at both the Annual Meeting and Elected Leaders Workshops; the enthusisam has infiltrated the local groups which are showing an upswing in interest and members' involvement.

A highlight of the committee meeting was the report from District Superintendent Byrl Moreland, who gave his impressions of the impact of the work of United Methodist Women.

New Orleans-Slidell

Idea-Expand a study theme into an Annual Meeting Program! Members of our District did just that, using "The Ongoing Journey-Women and the Bible." The worship, business and program were skillfully woven together and the "stars" were our own local women.

From the opening drama, through the music, readings, skits and role plays - right through the time of fellowship over food typical of biblical times-the theme of women's place in the Christian mission was central. The many favorable reports stimulated us to share this important experience.

New Orleans - Houma

Well over two hundred ministers and laymen and laywomen (including youth) attended the First Annual Meeting of UMW of our District, convened by President Mrs. George W. Carter in the Aurora Chruch.

The session, depicting the recent National Assembly in Louisville, used as its theme "A New People for a New Age." A panel discussed the theme.

The entire meeting exemplified the enthusiasm and dedication of members. The new Racial Charter was ratified; fellowship hour was dedicated to new members; and cooperative participation marked successful gathering.

NOTE:All of our other Districts what's doing? Let us know in time for the next newsletter!

Books Recommended For Reading Before Retreat

1. "On the Road to Wholeness - Life Signs and Danger Signals" -- Flora Slosson Wuellner ($3.95)
2. "Yes Is A World" -- James W. Angell ($4.95)
3. "Joy Begins With You" -- from 1977 *Reading Program*
4. "The New Community" -- Elizabeth O'Connor ($3.95)
5. "Reaching Out" -- Henri Nouwen ($5.95)
6. "Out of Solitude" -- Henri Nouwen
7. "A Book of Hours" -- Elizabeth Yates ($2.95)
8. "Eighth Day of Creation" -- Elizabeth O'Connor ($3.50, cloth)
9. "Whole Persons in a Whole World" -- Harvey Potthoff
10. "Dimensions of Prayer" -- Douglas V. Steere ($1.95)
11. "Transparent Worship" -- David G. Owen ($1.25)
12. "Healing Fountain" -- Betty Thompson ($2.95 cloth; $1.45 paper)
13. Books from "The Reading Program"
14. "Passages" -- series of small books (60¢ each):
    "Confession, Creation, Doubt, Faith, God, Grace, Life, etc." -- F. Buechner
    "Thomas Merton on Faith and Wisdom" -- Thomas Merton
    "Prayers of Praise, Worship and Thanksgiving" -- Reinhold Neibuhr
    "Prayer and Hope" -- Henri Nouwen
    "Solitude" -- Henry D. Thoreau
    "To Live is to Choose" -- Paul Tournier
15. "The Divine Yes" - E. Stanly Jones
16. "The Meaning of Gifts" - Paul Tournier
17. "The General Diary" - Henri Nouwen

Methodist Women

celebrate

A Century of Service
1979

at Pineville

District Elected Leaders' Training

The setting for the 1978 uniquely styled demonstration in leadership training was First United Methodist Church, Pineville. One hundred and four leaders were registered in the training event, including ten Conference officers. They came as "teams" from their districts, and high interest was maintained throughout the period.

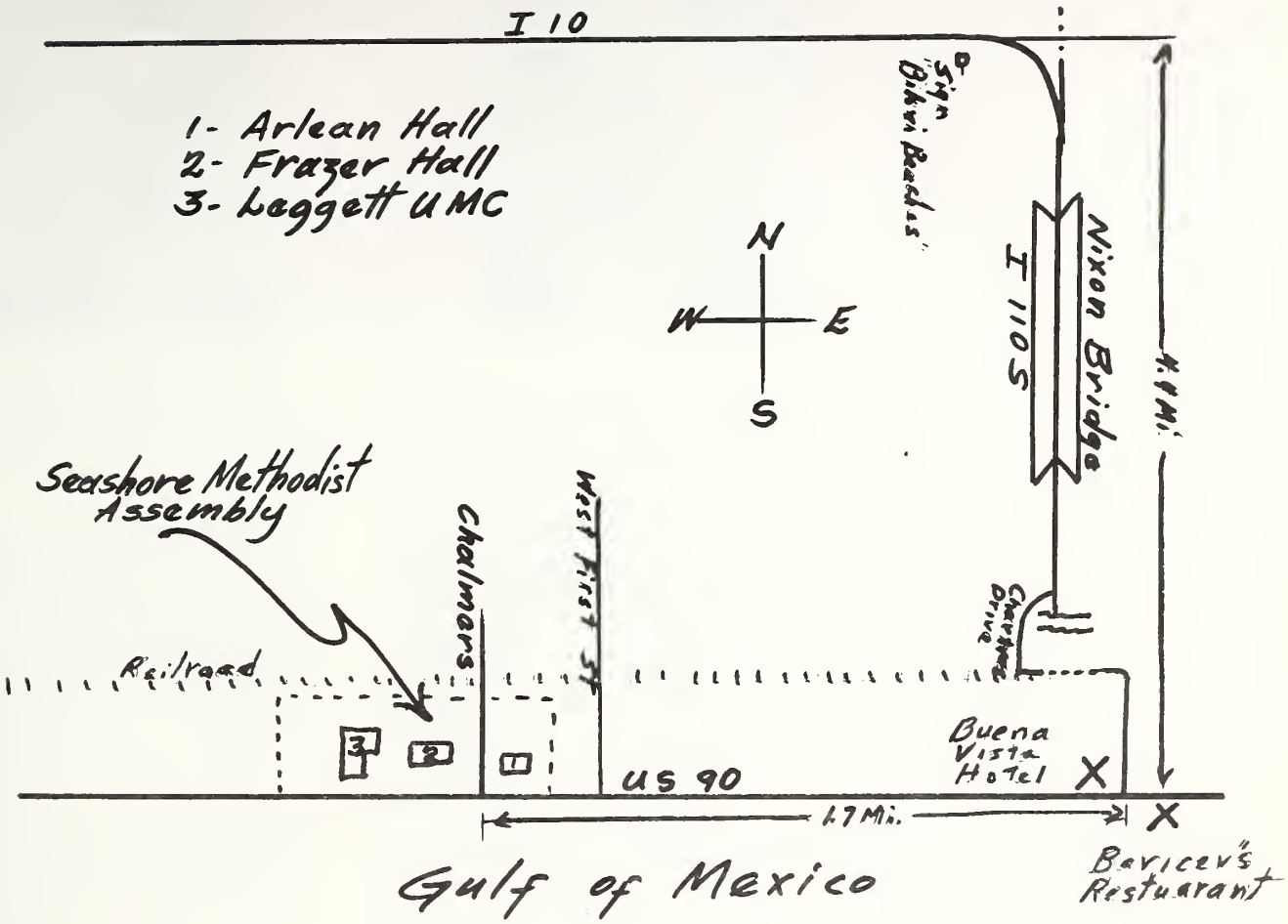
Mrs. Cannon Matthews, local president of UMW, and Mrs. G.W. Dameron were instrumental in hosting the event.

The 1978 leadership development was marked by experimenting with a longer time-frame. Registration, dinner, and training highlighted the Friday evening session. Saturday morning was devoted to individual officer job responsibilities, and Modelling Groups formed on issues and special leadership skills. The wrap-up and sending forth was led by Mrs. Truman W. Ward and Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner.

The entire session was exciting and moving. The support and participation of the District Presidents, the Coordinator Mrs. Gardener, and members of the Special Task Force helped to make the meeting a success.

Like the memory of the beautiful season just passed, there is the reminder of our learning community in this training session. The acceptance of the schedule and the return of the evaluations by 65 women are indications of fresh beginnings and of God's affirmation working with us. Praise the Lord!

By Clytie Perry



"THEY HAVE WROUGHT WELL"

Methodist Women Celebrate

The beginning of our present day United Methodist Women organization, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference, was "born" in Baton Rouge in 1879, in the home of Mrs. W. M. Reade who was elected president. During the first year eight auxillaries were formed, with 196 members. Today, with 344 local units and 15,169 members, we are aware of being the beneficiaries of a rich and exciting heritage.

In 1928 Mrs. R.F. (Hattie) Harrell, Conference Historian, gathered the histories of the Woman's Missionary Society Auxillaries. The following excerpt of Mrs. Harrell's report was taken from the 19th **Annual Report** of Woman's Missionary Society in 1929, when the society celebrated its 50th anniversary:

"This work was undertaken not that we should glory in past achievements, but that we should honor the work of the women 'whose spirit and deeds have made service possible for us'- and that these records be used 'for inspiration of the present and future generations.' When another fifty years of service has elapsed God grant that our children and grandchildren may say of us, 'They have wrought well'; because through Jesus Christ we have given the world 'an adequate goal for character; a free, full life, and God.'"

In 1979 another fifty years of service will have elapsed since the writing of Mrs. Harrell's report. If a vote were taken at that time, no doubt the feeling would be unanimous that "They have wrought well."

Begin making plans now to attend the 1979 Annual Meeting which will be held in Shreveport. Some very exciting things will be happening at the Annual Meeting as we celebrate 100 years of service as dedicated Methodist women.

The histories of the Woman's Missionary Society Auxiliaries are housed in the Centenary and Dillard archives, along with many other interesting and valuable historical records of our organization. Both libraries invite and encourage you to visit them and use the materials that are available for research.

If anyone has materials which would add to our collection, please let me hear from you.

Mrs. J A. Stinson,
Conference Historian

"Living....."

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introduce the UMW reading program, and the materials (listed elsewhere in this newsletter) that lend themselves to a retreat time. A book room will be available at the retreat where many of these books and phamplets can be purchased.

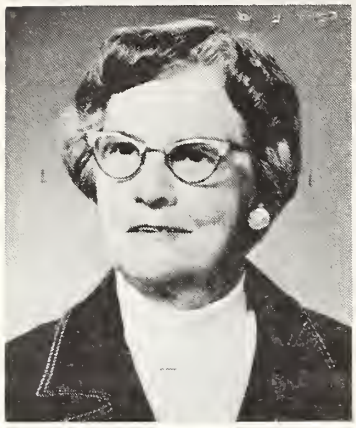
Conference president Mrs. Truman L. Ward is a member of the steering committee, as are Mrs. Fred Barr, Mrs. Warren Blakeman, Mrs. Wayne Bryan, Mrs. Carlyle Chapman, Mrs. Louis Chrisman, Mrs. E. Mae Calvin, Mrs. Robert Compton, Mrs. G.W. Dameron, Mrs. J. Woodrow Hearn, Mrs. Richard Hoffpauir, Mrs. W.J. Packer, Mrs. Nathaniel Perry, Mrs. Ardessie C. Prophet, and Mrs. Howard C. Milo.

Three of the group, Mary Lou Blakeman, Ardessie Prophet and Anne Hearn, will comprise a creative worship and music team which will present dramatic Biblical interpretations.

Registration for the retreat will be in the headquarters building, Arlean Hall, from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday afternoon, with the experience getting underway at the 6 p.m. evening meal. Luncheon on Sunday will bring events to a close. Setting for the general sessions is to be Leggett Memorial UMC which is part of the Seashore Methodist Assembly complex and is known as "the friendly church of the beach."

Sunday morning will be given to a summary of the weekend's events, followed by a communion service led by the Rev. Carole Cotton Winn, a co-minister of the First UMC of Houma. Both Mrs. Kohler and Mrs. Matthews will lead in a time of "sending forth" following communion as the women prepare to return to their homes.

Retreat To Have Outstanding Leaders



LOIS B. KOHLER, a staff member of the Women's Division, located in Nashville, is no stranger to Louisiana. She has provided leadership on several occasions. Lois is a native of Minnesota, and was educated in Iowa. She is a former librarian, was the wife of a Methodist minister in the Baltimore Conference until his death in 1974; and she has served as treasurer of the Baltimore Conference, UMW.

FAYE NABOURS MATTHEWS, a Texan, is the wife of a retired United Methodist minister (Dr. Cecil R. Matthews), and they live in Lubbock.

Faye's service has involved a variety of activity, including teaching and counseling, elected leadership in her Conference and Jurisdiction, as Dean of Schools of Christian Mission and in numerous UMW offices, both local and national.

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"Dimensions of the Kingdom -- Biblical and Comtemporary"

School of Christian Mission — 1979

Following a most successful School of Christian Mission last year, your Conference Committee for 1979 School of Christian Mission began immediately, making plans for this year's School, and we have every confidence that you will find it another educational and fulfilling event in your life. We hope that you will be able to be with us at Centenary College in Shreveport July 17-20 for the week-day school and July 20-22 for the week-end school. The theme for this year's school is "Dimensions of the Kingdom-Bibical and Contemporary". The registration for the first school will be held Tuesday morning (July 17) in James Dormitory. You are asked to be there in plenty of time to register, have lunch, and be prepared for the opening session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday afternoon. This school will close at 12:00 noon, Friday (July 20). The registration for the week-end school will be held Friday afternoon in James Dormitory. Supper will be served at 5:00 P.M. and the first session of this school will be at 6:15 P.M. This school will close Sunday noon.

We have been fortunate in securing another staff of outstanding teachers. The "Parables" will be taught to the entire school by Mrs. Panthea Freeman. Our faculty for "Middle East Mosaic" includes Mrs Inez Chrisentery, Mrs. G.W. Pomeroy, Mrs. Ed Cobb, and Dr. David Flude. The study on "Human Rights and the International Order" will be presented by Mrs. Nathaniel Perry, Miss Maryruth Nickels,

Nancy M. Carruth
Dean of the School

and the Rev. Charles Sapp. If you attend both sessions, you will be able to take advantage of each study.

We are also looking forward to a very excellent Audio-Visual set-up this year under the leadership of Mrs. Russell Phillips of Kansas. She is well trained in this area and will work with our own conference people.

Our Learning Center was well received last year and Mrs. Robert Compton will present this again. You will be able to purchase the books you need from a well-stocked Program Resource Room, manned by Mrs. Carlyle Chapman and her District Secretaries.

Can't put (in this space) ALL we hope to accomplish at the 1979 Conference School of christian Mission, but I do hope we have whetted your appetite enough that we will see you in Shreveport in July!

CULTURAL HERITAGE

In the implementation of the Charter of Racial Justice Policies, a special Cultural Heritage Emphasis will be presented at the School of Christian Mission, July 17-22. The purpose is to study, understand and appreciate the historical and cultural contributions of the races in Louisiana; mainly Blacks, Hispanic, Indians and French speaking people. Districts and Local Units are urged to consider persons from these groups for Scholarships to the School.

In making name tags or table grace cards, a motif depicting the heritage of one of these reaces could be used. Bring costumes and musical instruments. If you have historical or cultural materials for display in this Emphasis, please contact Mrs. Chris H. Hall (Fran) 1641 Avondale Dr., Baton Rouge, La. 70808, telephone 804-926-3969.

Fran Hall

Fran Hall is Assistant Dean of The 1979 School of Christian Mission. She also serves as Chairperson of the Cultural Heritage Task Group, and has been instrumental in planning this emphasis for the School.

President's Message

By Amy Ward

A Regional Meeting was recently held in Dallas, Texas for the purpose of discussing relationships of the National Division and its related projects. The director and a board member of each agency in Louisiana, the chairman of the Conference Board of Global Ministries and I attended.

Most of our church related institutions are facing crucial financial difficulties and at the same time a need for expanding ministries. Because many of these projects were historically related to the Women's Division they are especially important to United Methodist Women.

There was a re-affirmation of our Methodist connectional system and the need to support Undesignated Giving for Missions through United Methodist Women. One of the strengths of United Methodist Women has been the emphasis on Undesignated Giving which means all projects can be freed to be in creative ministry without having to compete with each other for funds. All have equal opportunity.

Let us meet this challenge by increasing our pledge to missions, our Special Mission Recognition Plan, World Thank Offerings, In Rememberance and Memorial Gifts, and Gifts to Mission. By our support let us share Christ's Message of Love in the world.

1979 School of Christian Mission Engages Outstanding Leadership

Every year the Louisiana School of Christian Mission chalks up unusual success, and much of it can be attributed to the quality of leadership. The 1979 School has announced its faculty, and the imposing list of those engaged to lead the courses of study is better than ever.

The "Parables' will be taught to the entire school by Mrs. Panthea Freeman. Panthea is no stranger to our Conference, and many who have had the privilege of studying with her, know of the enthusiasm and response which she generates.

The faculty for "Middle East Mosiac" includes Mrs. Inez Christentery, Mrs. G.W. Pomery, Mrs. Ed Cobb, and Dr. David Flude. All are highly qualified and bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise. Many participants have studied with one or more of these persons previously.

The study on "Human Rights and the International Order" will be presented by Mrs. Nathaniel Perry, Miss Maryruth Nickels, and the Rev. Charles Sapp. Those who attend both sessions of the school will be able to take advantage of each study. (if you can possibly arrange to be there for the week-long events, it will be time well spent.)

Our Dean, Nancy Carruth, has pointed out that the audio-visual arrangement for 1979, with Mrs. Russell Phillips in charge will be an asset. She has a rich background knowledge and experience in this area, and her direction will be invaluable.

The Learning Center, popular in 1978, is headed by our own Mrs. Robert (Mary Adele) Compton. Also, Mrs. Carlyle Chapman and the District Secretaries will make it easy for you to purchase books from a well-stocked Program Resource Room.

Much, much more is in store for all who attend the School of Christian Mission. Learning, fellowship and Christian sharing will make this a memorable event. Plan to attend.

1979 Schools of Christian Mission LISTS OF TEXTS

FRIENDSHIP PUBLICATIONS, 1979-80

For "Human Rights and the International Order"

Paradox and Promise in Human Rights. By Peggy M. Billings. $2.98

Of Life and Hope: Toward Effective Witness in Human Rights. Compiled by Mia Adjali. $2.95.

Cassette: *Sounds in Struggle: Experiences in Human Rights.* $5.95.

For "Middle East Mosaic"

Flight Through Mosaic. By Rober A. Elfers. $2.95

Conflict or Community: A Guide for the Middle East Mosaic. By David H. Bowman. $2.75

Supplementary: *The World of Islam.* By John B. Taylor. $3.95.

Filmstrip of the Middle East Mosaic (Untitled at present.) $12.00

Children's Materials:

Signpost Middle East. By Anne C. Stephens. $2.50.

New Friends/New Places: By Constance J. Tarasar. $2.50

WOMEN'S DIVISION PUBLICATION, 1979-80

For "The Parables"

The author of the text for this study is Neal F. Fisher, Boston School of Theology. It is as yet unnamed.

NOTE: All of the materials listed above will be available from the Service Center, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinati, Ohio 45237 in early spring, 1979.

Living Personal Commitment

A Retreat to Remember

Louisiana UMW held their first retreat at the Seashore Methodist Assembly, Biloxi, Miss., March 23-25. A total of 147 participants (plus 33 at-home) were on hand for the event "Living Personal Commitment" was the theme, and Mrs. Lois Kohler, of the Women's Division, Nashville Region, was the leader. Mrs. Faye Matthews, Lubbock, Texas, was also a keynote speaker. Of the meeting, Helen Brock writes: "The rememberance of our meaningful weekend together...will be a cherished memory...The diversity of persons, variety of experiences, and the spirit of community seemed to blend together into a cohesive fellowship that reflected as awareness of God's presence and the love of Christ among us...May the Lord continue to 'make your love mount and overflow towards one another and towards all.' "

1979 International Year of the Child

Mrs. T.J. Butler, Sr., Conference coordinator of Christian Social Involvement, attended the Human Rights Seminar which focused on the International Year of the Child '79.

United Methodist Women were challenged concerning the rights of the child during the Human Rights Seminar. Conference officers, Christian Social Involvement Chairpersons, and Child Advocacy leaders shared ideas on the "year of the child". Urgent needs of children came from many avenues. Jean Young, Chairperson of the U.S. commission on the IYC, and wife of U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, told the group that "a nation that cares about children today will not have to worry about tomorrow's adults." She also pleaded, "Start with the child next door," create an awareness in your community until it overflows across the nation and the world. The Christian response to the needs of children must be: "I am my brother's keeper," she said.

Dr. Emily Dale, sociology professor at Illinois Wesleyan University ripped anti-family government programs and policies. She cited income tax structures which penalize married couples and foster care programs which often take precedence over support programs that would leave a child in his or her own home. She emphasized that family life is most important to this country or any other country.

Struggle groups were divided into four facets of a child's concern: education, criminal justice, health, and nutrition, and name and nationality (which dealt with rootlessness felt by migrant children, foster children and others).

Nightly bible reflections were given by the Rev. Frances Cooper of First UMC Church, Redonda Beach, California. She challenged the group to view children as a part of God's covenant with his people and to examine in their local churches "what it means to enter the Kingdom of God, to come as a little child."

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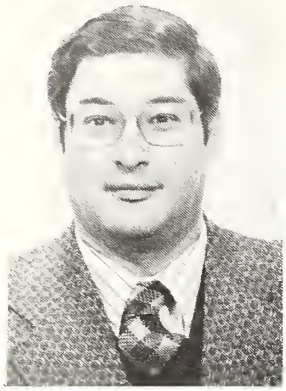


David W. Flude

Mrs. George W. Pomeroy

Mrs. E.M. Cobb

The Rev. Doctor **David W. Flude** is Executive Director for Program and Mission Development for United Methodist Heritage Fellowship, and is co-founder of the Wesley Voice Ministries. Prior to accepting his present position in early 1979, he was, for eight years, Executive Secretary for United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Doctor Flude is widely travelled, and is knowledgable concerning the needs and services all over the world. In his present position, he directs the agency which provides opportunities for travel seminars to places of Methodist significance as well as historic interest. Through his new office he plans to develop mission travel opportunities for annual conferences, districts, local churches and individuals. The Wesley Voice Ministries, a related responsibility, has been established as a new division of UMHF to offer vital preaching through evangelism, missions and social outreach in an ecumenical milieu.

A native of Leicester, England, Dr. Flude was educated at Leicester College of Art, Technology and Commerce. Since coming to the United States in 1964, he has studied at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. and at the University of Scranton, Pennsylvania. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by High Point College in North Carolina.

Doctor Flude has also held important church posts in England. He and his daughter are now residents of Alexandria, La.

Mrs. Nathaniel Perry

Mrs. George W. Pomeroy is a native of Baton Rouge, having lived in several areas of the sate with her late husband, a retired United Methodist minister. A graduate of Baton Rouge High, she went to Silliman College, attended Louisiana State University and Scarritt College. Her B.A. degree was received from Louisiana Tech.

Mrs. Pomeroy has been active in the United Methodist Church over a long and productive period. She has been involved not only in local church activities, but also in district and Conference offices. In her local church she serves on the Administrative Board, Council on Ministries, and Commission on Education. She is also President of the Service Club of her church.

Mrs. Pomeroy has taught in Conference Schools of Christian Mission in Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas. Now living in Lake Charles with her mother, she spends her "spare" time gardening, knitting, sewing and working in ceramics.

Mrs. Ed. M. Cobb has been teaching in Conference Schools of Mission for nearly twenty years. Her background of service is abundant in church and civic relations, and she has served all areas of the United Methodist Church on local, district, conference and jurisdictional levels. She was a delegate or alternate delegate to five General Conferences; she currently serves on the Board of Diaconal Ministry of the Nebraska Conference, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of The Iliff School of Theology.

Living in Ogallala, Nebraska, she is identified with many activities there. Among these are the Public Library Board, Church Women United, AAUW, PEO, President of Marymount Alumnae Association, and Nebraska Conference UMW. In 1976 she was chosen as one of 30 Mothers of Achievement in Nebraska as part of the Bicentennial Celebration. In addition, she has found time to conduct five tours to the Middle East.

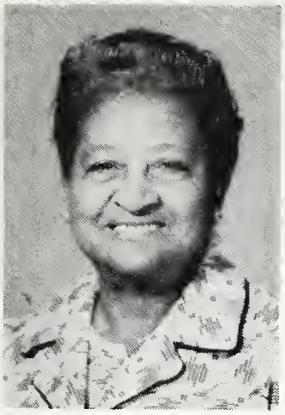
Mrs. Inez W. Chrisentery is so well known in our Conference, it is safe to say that her achievements are already known by most readers. Teacher, school administrator, WSCS leader on all levels, she has served with distinction on numerous boards and agencies of the church, local, district, conference and general.

Presently she is Associate Director of the Conference Council on Ministries, with expertise in the area of Children's Ministries.

Her experience in Conference Schools extends beyond the Louisiana Conference, into Texas, Arkansas, North Alabama, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Mississippi.

Inez's accomplishments could fill many pages. Her warmth and friendly

# of Mission Leaders



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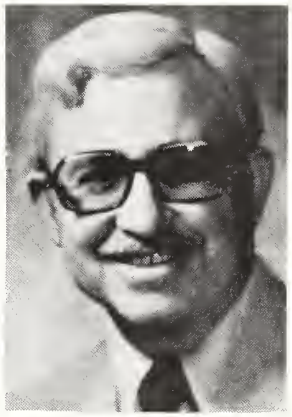

Charles Leon Sapp

rapport with her many friends is one of her greatest attributes, and it is with great pride that the School of Missions welcomes her as a staff member.

Maryruth Nickels is a member of the Women's Division Staff of the Board of Global Ministries, assigned to the Atlanta Region.

She received her undergraduate education at Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., and her graduate degree in Counseling and Guidance was earned at Indiana University. She also attended Washington University and Scarritt College, and she has done work on her doctoral program in Indiana University.

Miss Nickels has taught in the Indianapolis Public Schools and was a guidance counselor for the high school in Beech Grove, Ind. She was also a teacher in India at the Hawa Bagh Women's College. She has been with the Women's Division since 1961.

Charles Leon Sapp is currently professor of Sociology and Philosophy, South Oklahoma City Junior College. A member of the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church, he has also served various successful pastorates.

Rich in educational background, Doctor Sapp was awarded the D.Ed. degree from North Carolina State University. He also holds degrees from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, Texas A and M, Free Will Baptist College, and the University of the South.

He has participated in numerous seminars, and has taught in Schools of Christian Mission in various Conferences. In addition to varied educational, church-related and civic activities, he has published numerous scholarly articles, and is the author of three books dealing with sociology and philosophy. In 1970 he was named Outstanding educator in America, and has received a variety of other academic honors.

Mrs. Nathaniel P. (Clytie) Perry needs no introduction to Louisiana United Methodism. Of herself, Clytie says, "...native of Texas, reared in Louisiana...enjoys the life of a parsonette because she is wife to a Louisiana United Methodist minister...a lifestyle that offers many opportunities to engage in different roles and gives satisfaction in sharing in the mission and ministry of the church..."

But Clytie serves in many areas. She has enjoyed a long and fruitful teaching career. She has also served in numerous productive capacities of church leadership. Most recently she was Vice-President of United Methodist Women for the Conference. She has been involved in jurisdictional posts, and has given her leadership to all age groups within the church.

Clytie, who now lives in Slidell, is educator, pastor's wife, church leader--and above all, a friend to all who know her.

Panthea Evans Freeman has a long list of honors and credits. Many persons attending the 1979 School will remember her dynamic leadership, and it is predicted that she will attract many "oldtimers" again. Panthea's knowledge, expertise and Christian insight all add up to an extremely highly-qualified leader.

Living in Oklahoma City, she is publicity director of the Oklahoma Conference United Methodist Women and editor of the *Oklahoma United Methodist Women* magazine. She is also a member of numerous Oklahoma Annual Conference boards and committees. Her local church is Mc Farlin UM, and she serves as a member of the Leadership Development Committee and Lay Academy Committee. This spring she is serving as leader of the Oklahoma Conference UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat, using as the theme "Whole People Through Jesus Christ."

Panthea holds the B.S. Degree in education from the University of Oklahoma. She is a contributor to *Response* and to various other publications. Among her many accomplishments, she serves also as President of the Board of Directors, Neighborhood Services Organization, a project of the National Division of the United Methodist Church and United Way of Greater Oklahoma City.

It is with keen anticipation that the Conference welcomes back Panthea Freeman.

Panthea Freeman

Through the evaluation of local and district needs and priorities of the conference United Methodist Women and the Women's Division these goals were adopted by the conference executive committee in February, 1979. Task Groups and Committees are now planning strategies of implementation. Districts and local units are asked to participate in the realization of these goals.

I. To emphasize communication through Conference and District experiences by having:
   (1) A communication-Interpretation Learning Experience at
   (2) District Workshops with the same emphasis in 1980.

II. To have in implementation by December 31, 1980 a membership plan exphasizing the United Methodist Women organization as a caring a supportive community interacting at all levels.

III. By December 31, 1979 to have communicated the PURPOSE and true image of the United Methodist Women organization, including financial responsibilities, to the total Church at Conference, District, and Local levels.

IV. To have fifteen (15) Local Units with at least ten percent (10%) of their members participating in the Reading Program by Annual Meeting 1980.

V. To begin implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies through the total Church in 1979.

VI. To establish by December 1979 specific procedures for continuing participation in the emphasis on Child Advocacy being initiated by International Year of the Child (IYC), 1979.

VII. To promote the Law of the Sea by study, endorsement, and action, through 1980, using the following channels and reaction, resources:
   (1) District Presidents work in District council on Ministries and organization of United Methodist Women:
   (2) Printed materials, audio-visuals, and trained resource persons.

HOUSING

Housing, this year, will cost $7.00 per night. Please do not ask us to reserve a room for only one night. This is not fair to those wanting reservations for the whole school and we must discourage this. We want all who can to attend, but if you feel you cannot stay for the complete school, please make your own overnight arrangements and leave the dormitory for our "full time students." We are short of space each year so register EARLY! Remember to bring your own linens, towels, pillow, soap, etc. Rooms are air-conditioned, so you will need a blanket.

Mailing address:(Your Name)
Louisiana Conference U.M.W.
School of Christian Mission
P.O. Box 4188
Centenary College
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104

Telephone Number:
James Dormitory (318) 869-5313

MEALS

Cost of meals will be:

Breakfast	$1.60
Lunch	1.90
Dinner	2.25

Your cost for Room and Board for School I:

Meal Ticket	$17.50
Room	21.00
	Total 38.25

Cost for School II:

Meal Ticket	$9.60
Room	14.00
	Total 23.60

Everyone staying in the dormitory must purchase a meal ticket. The Friday noon meal is not included in the above total so it will be extra if you choose to eat there.

Publicity Committee

School of Christian Mission
July 17-22, 1979

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Note: If you have historical information or have done research that could be included in a drama or booklet for our 100th Anniversary, please send a copy to Mrs. Wiley Gardner, P.O. Box 445, Mooringsport, La. 70160.

Registration Information

If you are attending School of Christian Mission, please clip the Registration form, fill it in and mail it along with your Registration fee **ONLY** to the Registar: Mrs. Cecil Read, P.O. Box 71, Farmerville, Louisiana 71244. Registration will be $7.50 for attendance at either school. If you plan to stay for both schools, the combined fee will be $10.00. If you are only attending one day, it will be $2.50. This covers expenses of registration plus your insurance that we must carry on everyone that comes on campus for the schools. So Please cooperate and REGISTER EARLY to assure a place in the dormitory and to avoid last minute delays. If you have a preference for a room-mate, please indicate on your registration form, AFTER you have checked with the person you are indicating. This will avoid confusion for the Housing Chairperson. You can be refunded your registration fee up until July 4. So if you cannot attend, please notify the Registar and also the Housing Chairperson, Mrs. F.E. Kennon, 402 Pa. Avenue, Minden, La. 71055 so that your room may be released for someone else.

District Elected Leaders

Communication Workshop is Planned

A "Communication Workshop" is being planned in connection with the 1979 District Elected Leaders' Training. The announcement has been made by Janet D. Hoffpauir, Chairperson of DELT, in cooperation with the Planning Committee.

The new dates for the Training are November 2-November 3. It was necessary to reschedule the training in order to obtain the best possible leadership. Location will be announced later.

District Presidents and Chairpersons of District Committees on Nominations are urged to note this information, so that they can inform prospective officers of the event.

REGISTRATION CARD

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

School of Christian Mission
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana
Check school attending
School No. 1, July 17-20, 1979 ( )
School No. 2, July 20-22, 1979 ( )

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Church _____ District _____

Office Held _____

Staying on campus ( ) No( )
Telephone No., if not staying on campus _____
First time at school ( )

CLASS ENROLLMENT CARD

Check school attending:
School No. 1, July 17-20, 1979 ( )
School No. 2, July 20-22, 1979 ( )

Name _____

Address _____

You must have this enrollment card to be admitted to class. It will be at the desk of the Registrar, James Dormitory. Class enrollment cuts off at 30. Register early. check one of the studies listed below that you wish to take. The Bible study *The Parables* will be presented to everyone.

Choose one:
Human Rights and the International Order ( )
Middle East Mosiac ( )
Do you plan to teach this study? Yes( ) No( )
To be filled in by Registrar:

Teacher _____ Rm. No. _____ .Bldg. _____

HOUSING CARD

Check school attending:
School No. 1, July 17-20, 1979 ( )
School No. 2, July 20-22, 1979 ( )

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Church _____ District _____

Day and Time Arriving _____

( ) Check if first floor accomodations needed because of physical disability.
Name of roommate requested _____
Confirm with person you name.
To be filled in by Housing chairman:

James Dormitory Room No. _____

Attention District Superintendents and Local Pastors

Since this letter is being sent to all of you, it is our hope that you will make plans for your District Chairpersons of Mission to attend this school so that they will be better prepared to set up your District Christian Mission Education. Also it would be valuable to local Chairpersons of Mission, so that this material can be assimilated into the local churches. Men are most welcome at the school and we hope to have an increase in their number.

An Estate of Worth

In February my beloved mother, age 83, died after a brief illness, but also after a long and rich life of Christian service. During her earthly years she gave unselfishly of herself, her time and her talents to all around her, and to her church. Her influence and guidance touched the lives of many people, young, old, rich and poor. She was a friend, a companion, a guiding light.

Three days before she entered the hospital she attended the regular meeting of her UMW. The Sunday before she had as usual, attended church. She died, as she had lived, calling upon the Lord, and quoting scripture.

She left us with many happy memories and a rich heritage. Among the various items of her estate which I inherited is a most precious gift: her life membership pin of United Methodist Women. I shall cherish it always. It will remind me constantly of the influence of dedicated women in our church worldwide. It will remind me also that this is a universal bond, and a universal love.

--Thelma Brett, Editor

Annual Meeting

United Methodist Women to meet in Shreveport

United Methodist Women are celebrating 100 years of service in Lousiana and the September gathering will mark that event in history.

The dates are September 21-22, and when women from throughout the Conference gather at First UM Church they will be marking a special anniversary that will also note the beginning of a second century.

This rich heritage will be celebrated in many significant ways, and the Task Group on Program will have an exciting agenda. Mary Ellen Gardner is Chairperson, and she and her group already have an outstanding list of items planned.

Our Conference history will be presented in song and drama. Mrs. C. Jarrett Gray, Woman's Division President, will be our featured speaker, and a number of prominent leaders will be on hand to help celebrate the event.

The Mission Festival will be a new experience, and one that will involve everyone in attendance.

Mark the dates on your calendar NOW. The largest attendance in history is anticipated. You will be a part of a celebration that comes once in a lifetime, a Centennial of service. This is an important time to consider the heritage of each local unit as well as the entire conference. It is a time of thanksgiving for uninterrupted service to community, church and nation through contributions made in our Conference by women who have "cared" in an organized effort through the years and who are strong in the accomplishments set forth as goals by our predecessors. A future of service is our challenge.

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500 Walker Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

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A Century Of Commitment

Go Ye Therefore

September 21-22, 1979

First United Methodist Church

Shreveport, Louisiana

Call To Annual Meeting

All United Methodist Women are invited to the Annual Meeting, September 21-22, 1979 to be held at First United Methodist Church in Shreveport. Registration will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The voting membership (delegates) will be composed of the following persons: members of the conference executive committee; district officers; presidents and chairpersons of the former Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guild of the former conferences A and B, and their predecessor organizations.

Local units shall be represented at the annual meeting on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof, providing every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership shall be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the Conference President 60 days prior to the annual meeting. (Standing Rules of the Conference Organization).

The ladies of the Shreveport District will furnish lunch on Friday and Saturday, and coffee and coffee cake on Saturday morning at the church. We appreciate the hospitality of the ladies of First Church and of the Shreveport District. This 100th Anniversary Celebration will be one that you will not want to miss!

Amy Ward, Conference President

Amy Ward

About United Methodist Women

What You Have Always Wanted to Know

Mrs. Mary Ellen Gardner, Chairperson
Task Group on Annual Meeting Program

Come to the Sixth Annual Meeting of the United Methodist Women of Louisiana on September 21 - 22, 1979; you will learn about the various organizations that culminated in today's United Methodist Women.

One hundred years ago, when the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in Baton Rouge, it would have been amazing if the organizers could have seen the organization as it exists today. I believe the women would be pleased to know of the growth of Methodist Women in the Louisiana Conference and their prominence today.

Our celebration planned for the 100 years of organized Methodist Women of our Conference is one we hope will be interesting, informative and inspiring. At our Annual Meeting, we will hear and learn more about the Woman's Parsonage and Home Missionary Society, about the endless line of women who have contributed to and through our church. Also, we will be privileged to hear an outstanding speaker, Mrs. Mai Gray, President of the Women's Division. She will also be answering questions from you.

Mrs. Estelle Dameron, Rev. Carole Winn and Rev. Marie Williams will inspire us with the opening worship service. Rev. D.L. Dykes and Rev. Jim Moore will close our meeting with the sacrament of Communion.

As we watch the drama of our Century of Service unfold, we will gain new insight into and appreciation of the past. We will rejoice in our heritage.

The opening of our meeting, with the procession of banners, will enable us to see visually the names of the organizations as well as the dates each organization was known by the name. Members will be dressed in costumes of the era of the name which they bear.

Our president, Amy Ward, will keep us looking to the future as she challenges us to accomplishments in the times ahead. We will, indeed, look to the future as we elect new Conference officers to serve us, carrying on the work of our capable leaders who are going out of office. We will be electing representatives as Jurisdiction delegates, and others elected will be nominees for possible service to the Women's Division.

Once again, by popular demand, we will have the Volunteer Choir. Send your name to Mrs. Ed Thomas and Mrs. Kitty Jo Boyd, who will be working with the singers.

Elsewhere in the paper you have notice of the historical booklet which will be available. It will be a keepsake as well as an important document.

So--come to the Celebration. Take part in remembering, enjoying, looking ahead!

Conference President Amy Ward and Mary Ellen Gardner, Chairperson, Task Group on Annual Meeting Program.

MAI H. GRAY IS FEATURED SPEAKER

Mrs. Mai H. Gray, president of the Women's Division, and vice-president of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, was elected to her present term in 1976.

By virtue of her office, Mrs. Gray is also president of United Methodist Women, serving over a million members in the 50 states and Puerto Rico.

A resident of Kansas City, Mo., she is the wife of Dr. C. Jarrett Gray, Sr., a District Superintendent in the Missouri West Conference.

A graduate of Lane College, Jackson, Tenn. she also holds a masters degree from Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. and the University of Missouri. She has taught for a number of years in the public schools of St. Louis and in Kansas City. Currently she is on leave of absence as Consultant in the Kansas City, Mo., School District.

Mrs. Mai Gray has served in numerous positions of prominence, including the Board of Trustees of Saint Paul School of Theology, Corporation member of the Gum Moon Residence Hall, San Francisco, Calif.; Frances DePauw International House, Hollywood, Calif., and Robincroft, Pasadena, Calif. She has been active, also, in schools of Mission and in the educational areas of her church and community.

MAI H. GRAY

As a member of the World Division of the Board of Global Ministries, Mrs. Gray serves on its executive committee and Task Force on Africa. Last year she attended the Church Consultation in Sierra Leone and Liberia.

Mrs. Gray will bring to our Conference meeting a wealth of experience, knowledge and leadership.

HISTORICAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

Ladies, please consider the Historical booklets that will be on sale during Annual meeting. We believe that you will want one or more of these important booklets. They will be sold for $1.25 each -- a real bargain!

Mrs. G.W. Charlton, Mrs. John G. Cooke, Jr. and Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner have spent many hours in the researching, writing and preparation of this important document.

ANNUAL REPORT AND DIRECTORY

Let's keep up the records by getting your Unit's name and other related information in the 1979-80 Annual Report and Directory.

Be sure to include the unit name, number of members, President's name and address. After you have held elections in September, the information should be sent to your district secretary.

REGISTRATION

This registration card should be returned to Mrs. Don Evans, 8329 Spring Lake Drive, Shreveport, LA, 71106. Registration fee for everyone is $2.00. The Friday evening meal ($6.00) will be held at the church. This is for everyone, but reservations must be made by September 8. Send the money for registration and the dinner when the registration card is returned. Make check payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting. Be sure to indicate if you are a voting delegate. No refunds can be made after September 8, but alternates may be substituted.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN—1979

Name _____ (first name _____)
Address _____
Delegate _____ Non-voting member _____
Church _____ City _____ District _____
Office held _____ Number in Unit _____
Address during meeting: Motel _____
Time of arrival: _____
Meal $6.00 (No meal tickets issued for refunds made after September 8.)
Registration $2.00 Amount of check _____
Payment for Registration Fee and Meal Ticket must accompany this card.

NOMINEES

President
Mrs. Richard Hoffpauir
Franklin, La. (2 years)

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Mrs. Chris Hall
Baton Rouge (2 years)

Treasurer
Mrs. Leo Hoffpauir
Lake Charles (1 year)

Christian Global Concerns
Mrs. Wayne Bryan
Shreveport (2 years)

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Mrs. Warren Blakeman
New Orleans (2 years)

Chairperson Committee on Nominations
Mrs. Luther Rone
Alexandria (1 year)

Members of Committee on Nominations (3 years)
Mrs. Hugo Watson, Bastrop
Mrs. J.A. Mc Carstle, Baton Rouge
Mrs. W.J. Packer, Slidell

PROGRAM

A Century Of Commitment — Go Ye Therefore

Friday, September 21, 1979

"Into All The World"

12:45 Organ Prelude ..... Robert Erhardt
1:00 Convening of Annual Meeting ..... Mrs. Truman Ward
Processional Banners ..... Local & Districts Units
Call To Worship .....
Meditation ..... Rev. Marie Williams - Rev. Carol C. Winn
Song .....
Memorial Candle ..... Mrs. Richard Hoffpauir
Prayer ..... Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Welcome Mrs. Frank Bright, Mrs. Harvey Carter, Dr. D.L. Dykes
Report of President ..... Mrs. Truman Ward
Hymn ..... #478 Lead on, O King Eternal
Presentation of Program ..... Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner
Business .....
Appointment of Committees .....
Report of Treasurer .....
Presentation & Adoption of 1980 Budget .....
Report of Constitution & By-Laws Committee .....
Hymn .....
Election of Officers .....
Presentation of Program Materials ... Mrs. Caryle Chapman
Election of Delegates .....
Jurisdiction .....
Nominees for Women's Division .....
Membership Emphases ..... Mrs. Warren Blakeman
MISSION FESTIVAL ..... Mission Coordinators
HOT LINE TO THE PRESIDENT ..... Mrs. Mai Gray
6:00 P.M. Volunteer Choir Rehearsal .....
6:30 P.M. Banquet ..... Activities Building
6:00 P.M. DRAMA ..... Activities Building

Saturday, September 22, 1979

"And Declare The Good News"

7:30 A.M. Coffee & Doughnuts ..... Activities Building
8:30 A.M. Sing Along ..... Volunteer Choir
9:00 A.M. Call to Order ..... Mrs. Truman Ward
Prayer ..... Mrs. Maude Harris
Introduction of Speaker ..... Mrs. Glenn Laskey
Address ..... Mrs. Mai Gray, President, Women's Division
Quiet Reflection ..... Miss Arline Tyler
Offering ..... Mrs. Richard Hoffpauir
BREAK...COFFEE
Business .....
Report of Registration .....
Place of 1980 Annual Meeting .....
Pledge Service .....
Commissioning of Elected Leaders ..... Mrs. Mai Gray
Sacrament of Holy Communion ..... Dr. Dykes, Rev. Moore
Benedicition .....
Adjournment .....

Motel Accommodations

Ladies, be sure to IDENTIFY OUR GROUP - United Methodist Women, when making your reservations. CUT OFF date for registration is SEPTEMBER 8, 1979.

MOTELS:

***Chateau: 1-800-282-8826**
60 Rooms with 2 double beds
$39.00 plus 7% sales tax double occupancy.
$29.00 plus 7% sales tax single occupancy.
Breakfast Buffet $3.95.

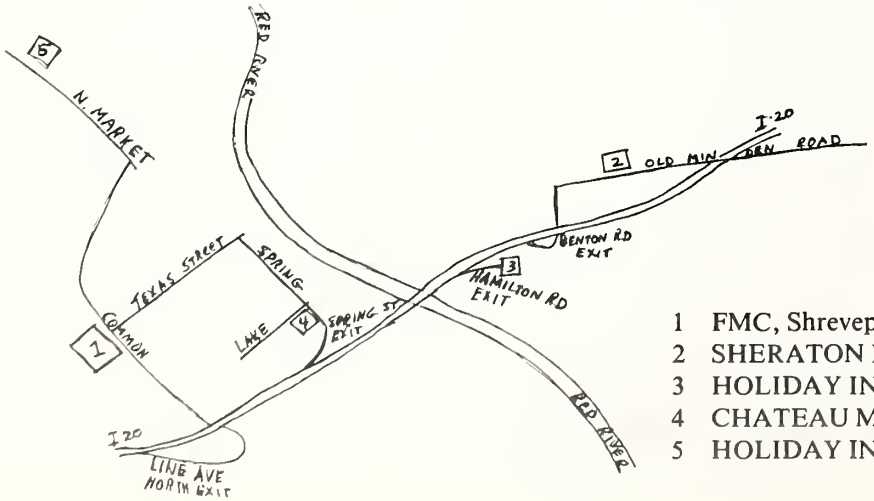
Sheraton-Bossier: 1-318-742-9700
2015 Old Minden Road, Bossier City, La. 71111
125 Rooms with 2 double beds.
$33.00 plus 7½% sales tax double occupancy.
$27.00 plus 7½% sales tax single occupancy.
Breakfast Buffet $3.95.

Holiday Inn-Bossier: For reservations call any Holiday Inn in your city.
20 rooms with 2 double beds.
$31.00 plus 7½% sales tax double occupancy.
$26.00 plus 7½% sales tax single occupancy.
60 Rooms with 1 double bed.
$29.00 plus 7½% sales tax double occupancy.
$25.00 plus 7½% sales tax single occupancy.
Breakfast Buffet $3.00.

Holiday Inn-North Shreveport: 1-800-238-8000
40 Rooms with 2 double beds.
$31.00 plus 7% sales tax double occupancy.
$25.00 plus 7% sales tax single occupancy.
Breakfast Buffet $3.00.

*Executive Committee to make their reservations here. The rate for four (4) persons in a room will be $12.50 per person per night. They are holding 15 rooms for Executive Committee for September 20th and 21st if needed.

Celebration That Goes On and On and On!



1	FMC, Shreveport		
2	SHERATON BOSSIER	3.4 mi. from FMC	125 rooms
3	HOLIDAY INN BOSSIER	2.4 mi. from FMC	80 rooms
4	CHATEAU MOTOR HOTEL	.7 mi. from FMC	60 rooms
5	HOLIDAY INN NORTH	2.9 mi. from FMC	40 rooms

Our Dramatic Sharing

Our 100 years of Christian service will be shared in special ways on Friday evening, September 21.

Following dinner at First UM, Shreveport, we will honor and recognize women who have served our Conference as conference President, WSCS, UMW, Guild Chairman. A special presentation will be made to Mrs. Glenn Laskey, former president of the Women's Division, and to Mrs. C. Jarret Gray, our current Division president.

Mrs. Robert Compton, immediate past president of UMW, will lead the service as we honor our retiring conference officers.

The Centenary Choir, under the direction of Dr. Will Andress, will present a concert of early American folk tunes and spirituals. A unique drama, prepared by the conference committee, will depict events that highlight our 100 years of organization and service.

The lighting of memorial candles will help to kindle our hearts in praise and worship for the opportunities provided through the fellowship of women sharing in Christian love and service in our Conference.

First United Methodist, Shreveport - Committee Chairpersons: (front row, from left) Dorothy Moore, Chairman; Kitty Jo Boyd, Music; JoAnn McGriff, Graphics; (back row, l to r) Gail Nelson, First Aid; Faye Jackson, Celebration Cakes; Elaine King, Local Church Arrangements; Margaret Evan, Registration.

... Clasp Thy Heritage ...

Summing It Up

What fun it is to help with the research of the history of the women's organization for our 100th anniversary celebration. One of my favorite Bible verses, Hebrews 12:1, has experienced new life as I read of the faith and dedication of these women. "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

It is a great joy to be a part of this "cloud of witnesses" that went before us - women willing to risk, to take that leap in faith, to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world in which they lived. Deaconesses and doctors, "Bible women" and teachers blazed new trails where women had not been before. New missionary daughters were consecrated to serve in China, Korea and India. Women met in small and large groups across the state. I was impressed with the power of "just one woman's life."

There were recorded endless days and nights of meetings, travel, sacrifice, sorrow and great moments of joy and humor. I could easily relate to a report from 1894 concluding several days and nights of meetings, "While waiting for the train we held a little informal meeting, closing with a Christian hand clasp of farewell." One of our first presidents was elected during her absence and first learned of her election when friends returned home and addressed her as "Madam President." (1884)

If you are in a small unit you may see yourself in this one - In Miss Wilkenson's own words she tells how "We all sat in a circle and smiled as each one was elected to office, and I must have smiled most of all as I was elected to three offices." (Carrollton, N.O. 1899) Incidently, Mrs. Cohen broke all records in the length of time served as president - 28 years.

There were moments of sorrow such as the memory of a dearly beloved sister, "who during her saintly life diffused an aroma of sweetness on all around her " (1890). And there was Mrs. Schumpert of Greewood, 1883, whose last words to her friend were, "Don't let the little society ever die. Promise me to work for it all you can."

The children received early training, and many Juvenile Societies were organized such as, "The Cheerful Givers," "Busy Bees" and "The Mustard Seeds," reporting 1,721 members in 1931. Many reports and first hand accounts were given by such persons as Faye Daves of St. Mark's, Ella K. Hooper of Dulac and Mac Donnel, Rosie Ann Cobb of Sager-Brown and many others who gave their lives to the service of Christ.

These were valiant women; and we proudly take our place in this endless line of splendor. "The earnest labors and faithful zeal of the devout leaders made our hearts burn within us, and we felt that it is a good thing to be allowed to work for the kingdom of our Lord and Savior" (1894).

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Calling All Singers

You are invited to sing with "Volunteer Choir" at the Annual Meeting. The choir will be on the program at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, September 22.

Dr. Will Andress will direct the Volunteer Choir and rehearsal times will be:

11:00 A.M.	Friday, September 21
5:30 P.M.	Friday, September 21
8:00 A.M.	Saturday, September 22

Pre-registration is desirable for planning purposes. Please send your name(s) to Mrs. Edward R. Thomas, 6002 Fern, Shreveport, La. 71105. We hope to have 50 people in the choir. If you do not pre-register, you may report to the Friday 11:00 A.M. rehearsal to see if space is available.

This experience will be a means of personal enrichment as well as a service to those attending the Annual Meeting.

Summing It Up

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I tried to summarize these last four years of the conference in just a few words - "Faith and Action." We have strengthened our personal commitment to Jesus Christ as individuals, in community and in program emphasis. These have been years of action in study, leadership development, increased membership, increased giving of our financial resources, involvement in Legislative Training Events, the Law of the Sea Seminar, Human Rights, Economic Justice and Child Advocacy Seminars. We have become informed and have discussed issues such as cloning, political prisoners, criminal justice, and what it means to be a "New People for a New Age".

Today there is a message of liberation being spoken to and through women in a new way. It is a good gift, a message of wholeness for all persons. A quote from Estelle Dameron's message of 1965 expresses my feelings for today.

"To be alive in such an age -
To live in it
To give in it! --
Give thanks with all thy flaming heart -
Crave but to be a part.
Give thanks and clasp thy heritage -
To be alive in such an age!!
from Today by Angela Morgan"

Amy Ward
Conference President
1975-1979

Louvenia Carter, Shreveport District President (left); and Joan Adams, General Chairman of Arrangements.

You're Invited . . .

Come see - learn - act!

Do you want to learn how to be a more effective member of our "COMMUNITY OF WOMEN WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO KNOW GOD AND TO EXPERIENCE FREEDOM AS WHOLE PERSONS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST; TO DEVELOP A CREATIVE, SUPPORTIVE FELLOWSHIP; AND TO EXPAND CONCEPTS OF MISSION THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE GLOBAL MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH?"

Do you really? If so, you have a big treat in store. There is going to be a brand new added attraction at Annual Meeting, **MISSION FESTIVAL**, to make our **PURPOSE** - being in mission - come alive for you.

The four mission emphases contained in our **PURPOSE**, and upon which all our program builds, will be graphically depicted by the Conference Mission Coordinators: Audrey Milo emphasizing Christian Personhood; Jessie Chastain - Supportive Community; Johnnye Butler - Christian Social Involvement; Margaret Bryan - Christian Global Concerns. District Mission Coordinators are assisting with preparations and displays.

There will be banners, mobiles, posters, charts, maps, free materials, mission cubes, issue-presentations, cassette tapes, projects-in-Louisiana display, chrismons, even live resources, etc. etc. etc. -- oh yes, favors too!

A special time is programmed for the opening of the "Festival" for your viewing and learning. What happens afterwards will determine the effectiveness of this added attraction. Remember, we plant the seed, and God gives the growth. "**MISSION FESTIVAL**" can be the beginning of a meaningful celebration that goes on and on and on.

Helen Brock, Vice President, who is coordinating the "Festival," extends to each person attending the Annual Meeting a special invitation to come share in this exciting experience.

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New Decade - New Leadership

Conference President
Mrs. Richard Hoffpauir
(Janet)

Meet your new Conference President, Mrs. Richard Hoffpauir, better known to us as "Janet". She is the wife of the minister of the Franklin & McGowan United Methodist Churches. Janet has served in many capacities on her 'road to the Presidency'. Her latest being an efficient tenure as Treasurer of our Conference, a job she reluctantly relinquished to assume the larger responsibilities of the President. Since her election in September, Janet has traveled throughout the state, meeting with many of you in your District meetings, and on various Boards. So she is already well known throughout the state, but this is our first newspaper since her election and the following is 'her' message to you.

"FROM OUR PRESIDENT"

I didn't really know fright until our new Newsletter Editor asked me to introduce myself to everyone by writing "a few words of wisdom for United Methodist Women". Perhaps wisdom will come later. But for now, all that I have to share are my resolutions for this New Year--and the beginning of this second century of Methodist women in Louisiana united in mission.

I resolve to become more sensitive to those with whom I work--their needs, interests, and concerns--and to truly value those with whom I differ.

I resolve to become more alert and knowledgeable about the issues facing persons today.

I resolve to work toward better knowing myself and what I can do--and to responding to God's call to become more personally involved in mission today.

Will you join me in my resolutions?

Janet Hoffpauir
President, Louisiana Conf.
United Methodist Women

P.S.
For those of you who said this photograph is too stern to reflect the joy of being a United Methodist Woman, I resolve to have a cheery one made this year!

Conference Editor-
Public Relations Coordinator
Mrs. Edward T. Carruth
(Nancy)

Our Conference has felt the need of a new office - that of Conference Editor-Public Relations Coordinator and Mrs. Edward T. Carruth has been appointed to this post. Nancy is the wife of the Advertising-Circulation Manager of the Baptist Message, so religious publications aren't new to the Carruth household. Nancy has held several offices in Methodist Women's work on the local, district, conference and jurisdiction levels and is presently serving on two Conference Boards of Trustees and as Secretary to the General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegation.

FROM OUR DISTRICTS

The Alexandria District is making plans for some exciting activities in the months ahead. Under the able leadership of Mary Givens, District Vice-President, all four mission areas have been considered and a number of appropriate events are scheduled. Among these are a Communications Workshop and a Spiritual Retreat.

The Communication workshop is to be held in February at Palestine Church. Our own Nancy Carruth, Conference Editor and Public Relations Coordinator will chair this event, and Estelle Dameron will also serve on the task force preparing for it. With these two very special people at the helm, the women of the Alexandria District can expect a very special session in a much needed area.

In May the District will hold a Spiritual Retreat at Camp Brewer. Audrey Milo, Conference Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood, will be the keynote speaker. This, too, promises to be a very special occasion for the women of the Alexandria District as each one seeks to enrich her personal spiritual life.

Lottie Stinson
Alexandria District President

Baton Rouge-Hammond District has chartered two new units this past year; one unit at Friendship Church, Walker, and another at Walker United Methodist Church. We are extremely proud of both these new units!

A highlight of our Local Elected Leaders Training was our guest, Lois Kohler from regional staff. One hundred-sixty women met at Blackwater U.M. Church for a great day. Lois had a question and answer period with good audience participation.

Our plans this new year include a spring "District Day Apart" on April 26th. Then something new, a week day, "District Day Apart", Thursday, Sept. 4th. In trying to meet requests not to have so many Saturday meetings and a day apart more often, we look forward to these two dates in our district.

Our giving on a district level has increased each year. Our district officers share a great fellowship and a special love and we have traveled to many units sharing their hospitality. It's been a spiritual blessing I wish all Methodist women could personally experience.

Betty Blackman
Baton Rouge-Hammond District President

Greetings from the Baton Rouge-Lafayette District United Methodist Women!

Our district is making progress as we strive to accomplish our goals; namely, to improve communications; to strengthen programming in the local units; to promote the reading program; to increase membership and pledges for 1980; and to encourage fellowship among local units and between locals and district.

We plan to implement these goals through cluster meetings, workshops, newsletters, and through other special programs. It is also the desire of the 1,867 women of the Baton Rouge-Lafayette District to achieve these goals through working, watching, and praying; supported by faith, hope and love.

Ardessie C. Prophet
Baton Rouge-Lafayette District President

The Lake Charles District Annual Meeting was a memorable one, held at Prospect United Methodist church with Prospect-Hornbeck U.M.W. as hostesses. In keeping with the 100th anniversary, the program carried out the theme, "Over the Rainbow in Missions" Past-Present-Future, 1879-1979. This informative and inspiring pageant was written by Mrs. George Chastain. Dr. Jack Cooke, District Superintendent installed the newly elected district officers.

Our district had Janet Hoffpauir, Conference President for our three Local Elected Leaders' Training sessions. She enthusiastically shared her love and knowledge of our work and inspired the participants to become more dedicated leaders.

A continuation of visitation to local units has taken place and the district officers have visited six local units and taken part in the installation service. Three of these were conducted at the morning worship services of the local church.

The District Executive Committee met at the Iowa Church in January to set up their goals and plan programs to implement them. The first fistrict newsletter will be published soon.

Julia Heard
Lake Charles District President

Greetings from the Monroe District. We are hoping with God's help and help from our conference officers, to make 1980 the best year yet in the Monroe District.

I do not know all the goals that were aimed for last year, but we did have an officer's training day in the north and south parts of the district. Our retreats are all inspiring. All meetings were not as well attended as we would have liked. We did over-pay our pledge about $1,000.00.

This year our main goals are increasing membership and participation in all phases of our activities. We believe this can be accomplished by each district officer maintaining close contact with the local units.

Other goals are: Organizing subdistricts; Getting out newsletters; Presenting the Charter of Racial Justice Policies for ratification. Plans have been made for all our regular meetings.

Bea Moak
Monroe District President

The New Orleans-Houma District has been saddened by the serious illness of out-going President, Ruth Carter. Because of this, they have established the Ruth Carter Auxiliary in her honor at People's Community Center.

In reviewing the past year, we are encouraged that one-half the units attended as least one district event and over one-fourth attended one or more conference events. Half the units had a program on the International Year of the Child and eighty percent had at least one of the approved studies. Half of the local units have presented the Charter for Racial Justice Policies.

The local units are getting together in groups of two or more for special programs, one of which was a drama celebrating 100 years of Methodism in service to Louisiana. Many members are involved in service to women and children in their own communities.

This has been a year of increased pledges; service; and fellowship among the women of our district. As we enter the eighties, we are looking forward to building even more upon this foundation.

Margaret Mielke
New Orleans-Houma District President

The New Orleans-Slidell District lists their goals for 1980 thus:

1. To have 15 units in the district qualify for recognition in Reading Program I - requirements state that 10% of the members of a unit must read one book in each of the four areas and discuss it; also, read Response regularly.
2. To organize five new units by December 1980 and to enlist District Members where new units are not possible.
3. Carry on Conference Emphasis on Communication by planning a District Communication workshop.
4. Enlist the full cooperation of every member in the district to insure a successful Conference Annual Meeting.
5. Hold a district-wide Spiritual Enrichment Experience in the late spring of 1980.

Our district has already conducted a successful Officer Training Day emphasizing Finance; Membership; Program; and Leadership Development-approximately 130 attended. Eighty-five persons attended District School of Mission where all studies were presented and a discussion of General Conference Issues was led by Rev. Phil Woodland. A retreat site has already been reserved for a District-wide overnight enrichment event. The dates are May 23-24. Our goals are basic and energetic. We all pray for the guidance of God in, not only accomplishing them, but for the proper attitude approaching the tasks and persons involved with kindness and love.

Marian Eggerton
New Orleans-Slidell District President

The Ruston District stands at the doorway of a new decade and looks towards goals of:

1. Understanding ourselves in our work.
2. Being more inclusive as to meeting the needs of all women in our district.
3. Implementing the Reading Program.
4. Promote Law of the Sea.

A backward glance at 1979 lets us know that we have made ourselves more aware of mission to others through better attendance at Conference and District events which stimulate knowledge and growth. Our finances reflect committment to others. We overpaid our pledge, sending a total of $22,983.39 to the Conference Treasurer. We feel we have made progress in deepening our spiritual lives through prayer groups and Bible study.

However, our decreased membership impels us to make a more effective witness to share the Good News of Christ; love and to promote membership in United Methodist Women as a challenging conquest. Our district mission team dedicated themselves to this, His purpose.

Nell Read
Ruston District President

The new officers of the Shreveport District pay a special tribute of thanks to Louvenia Carter who served the district well for four years.

A highlight of last year was the Officers' Leadership Training sessions: one at Wesley U.M.C. in Mansfield and the other at Bossier First U.M.C. Each church furnished a meal. Fifty-five women attended the first session and 90 the latter. (The salad buffet stretched like the five loaves and two fishes.)

Since sub-districts have been reactivated, women in many parts of the area have had district work brought to them. Linda Shepherd, one sub-district leader, plans a special meeting in February with Rev. Pete Spitzkeit, a former missionary to Korea and now serving a church in Louisiana, as the keynote speaker.

A retreat is scheduled for April. The Shreveport women are fortunate to have the School of Christian Mission close enough to attend easily.

For the annual District Meeting in October, Peggy Billings from the Woman's Division is to be the principal speaker. This is really something to look forward to with anticipation.

Wilma Crosby
Shreveport District President

FLASH! ! !

From the Office of our Treasurer

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women again overpaid their Pledge to Missions — and EVERY District overpaid their pledge! The Conference Pledge of $168,000 was surpassed by $19,659. Treasurer Shirley Hoffpauir attributes a large part of this marked increase in Undesignated Giving to the Heritage Candle and other observances denoting the 100th Anniversary of Methodist Women in Louisiana organized for mission.

CONGRATULATIONS!

From the Editor

This little cartoon 'says it all'. I feel, as I undertake this new responsibility, that I will surely need 'great ideas' from all of you. We want this newspaper to be one you will look forward to; read; implement ideas from it; and feed back ideas to us for its improvement. Mailing and printing are expensive, as you all know, so please use this to its best advantage. Nineteen eighties' first edition is emphasizing Membership. Our second edition will concern School of Christian Mission and will reach you in May. Then our third and final newspaper of 1980 will highlight our Annual Meeting at Dillard University and you should have it in August. If you have ANY changes in officers or addresses, be sure to send them to your District Secretary right away so that you will not miss out on any papers. Looking forward to serving you in this new capacity.

Nancy M. Carruth

Editor's Note: In keeping with our emphasis on Membership, you will note that the next four pages of our newspaper deal with this vital subject. Our Conference Membership Chairman, Mrs. Warren Blakeman (Mary Lou) has projected some very helpful hints and suggestions, with the assistance of some local and district Membership leaders. Sprinkled throughout are some questions you may have asked, also. (The answers are on page 6, but don't peek until you have honestly dealt with them.) Then be sure to fill in the blank on page 7 and send to Mrs. Blakeman. If you have no Membership Chairman, send the President's name.

1. If a woman is a member of your church, is she automatically a member of United Methodist Women?

Let your enthusiasm show and membership will grow! Nothing is impossible to him that believeth, said our Lord. So, by faith we must believe that this task of increasing our membership and our mission work is possible.

We believe this is possible, with all of you working at it and having a positive attitude. All of us have been 'slack' from time to time, but this year we are going to "Share Our Umbrella" and be excited about this undertaking.

Wasting the resource given us is one of life's great tragedies. Unfortunately, it is a common one. You may have talents to offer, but unless you exercise them, open the gifts, and put them to work, no one, including you, will ever benefit. Thomas Carlyle once wrote, "Blessed is he who has found his work, let him ask no other blessedness."

We who are United Methodist Women have found our works, now let us share the rewards with others that they might be a part of United Methodist Women in 1980.

I do hope by now each unit has elected a membership chairperson and is ready to "Share Your Umbrella".

Ruth Bailey—Membership
Baton Rouge-Hammond District

2. Does one have to be a member of the United Methodist Church to belong to United Methodist Women?

3. Can a woman belong who fulfills the purpose and chooses to belong, but does not or cannot attend meetings?

This is my first year as district membership chairperson and I'm learning, with help from very interesting material passed on to me by the preceding person. This was most helpful at our local elected training sessions. The meetings were enjoyable, but the attendance was poor.

Some of the membership concerns expressed in our district are:

1. Getting younger women to attend meetings regularly.
2. More participation of all women.
3. Trying to provide a nursery.
4. Getting a district membership committee.

All local unit Presidents, please send in the name of your membership chairperson to Mary Lou Blakeman. You will find the address and name on the form in this newspaper.

I am looking forward to working with each of you as we work together on membership concerns in our district.

Clarice M. Tyson—Membership
Shreveport District

4. How do we attract women who say they are too busy to be involved?

Are you Sharing Your Umbrella? In Ruston District we need a lot more Membership Chairpersons for local units. Indeed, we need more local units as some churches do not have a local unit at all.

At our Annual Meeting at Simsboro last fall, we emphasized Sharing Your Umbrella with a question and answer period, and while it seemed to be very successful, we still need to reach more people, as many who should know about the membership emphasis were not there.

Where do we look for members? On roads and streets, in mobile homes, retirement homes, on church rolls, maybe on your own pews. We need to keep on, keeping on in 1980. Local Presidents, please fill in the form in this paper and mail to Mary Lou Blakeman.

We need each of you to support the district meetings. This year, we will be working on membership emphasis so it is especially important that the membership chairperson from each local unit get as much information as possible.

Mrs. L. B. Hubbard—Membership
Ruston District

The Monroe District is so geographically dispersed, that we find it difficult to get our women together for district meetings and training days — especially our younger women. Those women who are working can only come on the weekends and women with young children find it impossible to come then. This is a turbulent time for our district, for units which were once strong, are now decreasing in membership and activity and we are finding many churches in our district, which do not have units at all. We are also finding it difficult to get district officers and many units are not able to fill their needed slate of officers. Few women are interested in deep study of the Bible and our study materials and fewer still read our publications.

This may seem terribly negative in tone, but it is positive in reality. We are taking a good, hard look at our district and once we begin to identify the problems, we can begin to work on solutions. If we never worked on the negatives, how can we hope to become positive? We, the district membership team, feel that the "Share Your Umbrella" program of caring for each other will have the most lasting and positive help for our district — sharing the good we find and feel in United Methodist Women. We are looking forward to communicating in a loving way what we are learning of Christ Himself, who is indeed the greatest "Membership Chairman" we know.

Local presidents, you can help us by filling in the "Share Your Umbrella" form found in this newspaper and returning it to Mary Lou Blakeman. Let's try to have 100% participation!

Shirley Wall—Membership
Monroe District

Articles from Response Magazine
(Related to Membership)

1978:
- January—Communication is the Key
- July/Aug.—Visitation Enriches Local Units
- October—For All Woman
- November—Membership Can be an Enriching Experience

1979:
- March—Re-Discovering our Heritage
  - Our Readers Write
  - Commitment Personified
- May—Not a Copout
- June—Commitment, Action, Hope

5. Does one have to give money to be a member?

The New Orleans-Slidell District has set a goal for 1980 of trying to organize five new units. The members of the district membership committee are: Hazel Gallaher, Shirley Madden, and Frances Lee Saint. These women are the subdistrict chairpersons. We are dividing the district geographically to see if there is a pattern in our district, of churches without units, and we'll begin to develop a plan of action.

The conference membership program of "Share Your Umbrella" was presented at district annual meeting last fall which was held at St. Luke's Church. We hope that each local president will fill out the form in this newspaper and return it to Mrs. Blakeman. We need to know who YOUR local membership chairperson is.

We had excellent representation of units at the Local Elected Leaders' Training. Thanks to each of you who came and for your participation in district and conference meetings.

In addition to these concerns, we hope to strengthen those units having problems with membership. Let us hear from you so that we can help with those problems which are most pressing for your unit.

Pat Cobb—Membership
New Orleans-Slidell District

6. How can women join if there is no local unit in their church?

Greetings to you in this new year! Thank each of you local membership chairpersons who have worked so hard this year in your unit. I enjoyed sharing with each of you this past year and am looking forward to working even harder this year.

In this district we have a membership committee and we will be meeting soon to work on some concerns of membership which you have expressed to me. We will be taking a look at ways to get the younger women to become active in our local units; how to involve working women in general business meetings; how to start new units in United Methodist Churches which do not have units.

This year at our district annual meeting, we presented "Share Your Umbrella" and I hope that you will take this opportinity to clip the form in this newspaper, fill it out and mail to Mary Lou Blakeman. This information is needed as we can only help you if we have someone in your unit with which we can work.

It takes each of us working in a team with the other elected leaders to fulfill the purpose of United Methodist Women. We chairpersons of membership have a very integral role to play in this endeavor for how can we. . ."develop a creative, supportive fellowship" if membership is not active?

Doris Smith—Membership
Baton Rouge-Lafayette District

7. Can inactive members be dropped from the rolls?

What a better way to begin a year than by making a resolution to attend United Methodist Women meetings more regularly and to bring a friend as an added blessing to you and your unit. The energy crunch is an obstacle we have to overcome, so perhaps we can enrich our friendship circle by carpooling!

Do you know of a United Methodist Church near you without a United Methodist Women unit? If so, invite the ladies to join your unit for meetings. Maybe this can serve as an incentive to get a unit established in their church. I have prepared a list of such churches and you will be hearing from me in the future about this concern.

Plans are being made for this year. We hope to have time for you to share your membership ideas with us, as well as your concerns. If your local unit does not have a membership chairperson, please elect one at your next meeting. Her name and address should be sent to Mary Lou Blakeman, conference membership chairperson. Please! All local presidents, fill in the form found in this newspaper requesting the name of your membership chairperson and the number of persons in your unit. Let's have 100% reporting in our district!

As I start in the capacity of your membership chairperson for the New Orleans-Houma District, it is my hope that no "Auld acquaintance be forgot!"

Celina T. Johnson—Membership
New Orleans-Houma District

The following is an example of a local unit Membership Chairperson at work:

At Aurora United Methodist Church, New Orleans, we perhaps have a unique problem with our membership; they are always moving! Many of our membership are with the military or subject to transfer with big companies. Therefore, we have to 'keep at it' just to keep even.

As membership chairperson, I contact the new members of the church or frequent visitors, inviting them to our meetings. Some of our women are good about new neighbors to come with them. Each of our circles has a membership chairman and they are given names to contact. With today's busy people, most of our contacts are made by telephone or at church on Sundays.

We have four daytime circles, which all meet on Tuesday mornings. This way we can always have a nursery for the children of our young mothers. We draw names each year so that each circle will be approximately the same size, and so that we will become better acquainted. With so many women employed these days, our evening circle has almost doubled in membership in the last few years.

For the past two years, in September, I made up a list of the membership by geographic location, suggesting that the members carpool to their meetings. They tell me this has been very helpful.

At each monthly general meeting, I announce visitors who are present, those who have transferred away, and those who have joined since our last meeting. These new members are placed in a circle of their choice until the beginning of the new year when all circles are changed.

Louise Kiel—Membership Chairperson
Aurora United Methodist Church

8. Does my unit have a membership chairperson? A Membership Committee? Is it active?

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

1. No. Membership in United Methodist Women is a matter of choice. Any woman who indicates her desire to belong and participate in the global mission of the church may join.
2. No. Although most members are members of a local United Methodist Church, this is not a requirement for membership. Only the President is required by the Discipline to be a member of the United Methodist Church because, as President she serves on the Administrative Board of the Church.
3. Yes. Participation in U.M.W. may occur in a variety of ways such as regular attendance at meetings, financial contributions, calling on members, assuming program leadership, working on some special project or being a part of a prayer fellowship. One of the challenges of membership is the development of mutual respect for women who participate in various ways.
4. First of all, some women ARE too busy to be involved and are making responsible decisions when they choose not to belong. It may be helpful to ask women who are "too busy" what their interests are and to inform them of all the areas of participation in U.M.W.
5. Financial giving is not a requirement for membership. Hopefully, each woman will find financial giving an important and meaningful form of participation. Each local unit should provide information to each member about the scope of the program of missions. Understanding the extent of such programs is vital to an understanding of the PURPOSE of U.M.W.
6. District membership is available to such women. They may make an annual pledge to Missions through the District Treasurer and receive mailings and invitations to meetings and in other respects have a close tie with the District and have a sense of belonging. Such women should work with other women in the church and with the District Membership Chairperson to organize or re-organize a unit.

MY DESCRIPTION OF A MEMBER OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

(Use only one word or a single phrase if you can.)

My description of a member of United Methodist Women is:

She is _____ She needs _____

She wants _____ She does _____

She likes _____ She dislikes _____

Does your list describe the women of your unit as they are or as you wish they were? What kind of member are you?

From our Constitution: Article 4 reads — Membership shall be open to any woman who indicates her desire to belong and to participate in the global mission of the church through United Methodist Women. LET US BECOME FISHERS OF WOMEN!!!

Non-member	Her partner who will contact her

Being a member is something particular. Be familiar with pages 93-94 of the handbook before you make your visit.

Make an appointment by telephone before you visit a prospective member.

Take another member with you, if possible.

Take with you the leaflet, "You and United Methodist Women". Talk about the purpose.

Take information about your own local unit: times of meetings; kinds of subgroups, and their meeting times; the program for the year including names of officers.

Offer to pick her up and take her to the next meeting. Don't forget you brought her!!!

The Bible tell us, "Do not hide your light under a bushel." A talent buried is a talent lost! We are appealing to you to show your talents. We know that many in our Conference have special abilities which we need. Are you interested in audio-visual work; music (either singing or playing some instrument); creative writing; drama; creative dancing; any other talent — if you possess any of these talents (or know someone who does, but might be too timid to say so) would you please send the name, talent, and address to our Conference President; Mrs. Richard Hoffpauir, 922 Main St., Franklin, LA 70538. These will be placed in our "Talent Bank" for future programs or needs.

7. Inactive members can be dropped from the rolls only after contacting them individually and securing permission to remove their names. Such contact should be made periodically if some members have been carried as "inactive members" for a long period of time. Great care should be taken in such cases, since membership is not defined in terms of attendance or financial giving, but rather in terms of personal choice.

How did you answer No. 8?

"SHARE YOUR UMBRELLA"

As your conference membership committee began to work on the conference goal for 1980 of "increasing membership", we decided that the state of membership in Louisiana needed a great deal of attention, love, and work. It is a mess! At every meeting of United Methodist Women, it was repeatedly stated that the number one concern of their units was how to increase membership, how to get the younger women coming, or the working women, or we can't get anyone interested in belonging to just another organization. In other words, you are asking a very basic question, — how do I improve my unit? How do I share what United Methodist Women means to me? Your conference membership committee has taken your concern and your desire for help to heart and this year we have begun our "Share Your Umbrella". We introduced this program at Annual Meeting in Shreveport this year and your district membership chairperson presented it again at your district Annual Meeting. The first step in the "Share Your Umbrella" is for each unit to elect a membership chairperson and to turn her name and address into the conference committee. In this newsletter, you will find a form asking for this, and other, information. Each local president will please fill out the form and send it to me. It will be impossible for us to help your unit unless we have someone in your unit responsible for membership and we know who she is!

The conference membership committee will be meeting soon to make plans for the second step of "Share Your Umbrella" in which we will begin to give you help for your unit. We will be emphasizing caring about people and sharing the Good News with those who live among us, for part of our purpose is ". . .to have a creative, supportive fellowship". But no plan we can create will be worth the time it takes to formulate, if we do not have your co-operation.

Throughout this newsletter, you will find articles written by several of the district membership chairpersons. I am appreciative to them for doing this. Don't forget, presidents, send in the name of the membership chairperson for your unit!

Complete this form & mail to:

Mrs. Mary Lou Blakeman
3561 Rue Mignon
New Orleans, Louisiana 70114

"SHARE YOUR UMBRELLA" FORM

Name of your district _____

Name of your unit _____

Name of your membership chairperson _____

Address of your membership chairperson _____

Total number of members in your unit _____

Estimate of the numbers of members in your church _____

The number one concern of membership of your unit _____

"THEY HAVE WROUGHT WELL"

Our 100th Anniversary has made us all very history conscious. Several histories were written during the Jubilee of the Women's Missionary Society in 1928 when Mrs. R. F. (Hattie) Harrell was historian.

In the 1929 Annual Report, she wrote:

"This work was undertaken, not that we should glory in past achievements, but that we should honor the work of the women whose spirit and deeds have made service possible for us — that these records be used for inspiration of the present and future generations.

When another 50 years of service has elapsed, God grant that our children and grandchildren may say of us: They have wrought well; because through Jesus Christ we have given the world an adequate goal for character; a free, full life, and God."

From the historical sketch of the Women's Missionary Society First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, prepared by Mrs. S. T. Sanders, we read:

"This marks 50 years of our history. Fifty years from now we shall be celebrating our centennial. One hundred years old as a Missionary Society! If we cannot tell much about the first 25 years of our history, will those who try to write the history of 100 years know much more about us? When that day comes, 50 years hence, there will be only one or two or three, and they are the youngest women of today, who will be living to give any facts about the auxiliary in 1927; and if no written history is preserved in our church, their memories will recall only a fragment of our history, just as our elderly members today can give but little information of our beginning.

We strongly urge our units to bring their histories up-to-date. If your unit is not listed in the group on this page, we challenge you to write a history. Please send three copies: one for the Centenary Archives; one for the Dillard Archives; and one for the Conference Historian. (Send to the Historian)

Copies of these 1928 histories will be sent for the price of copying and mailing.

Norma Winegeart, Conference Historian

Mrs. Jack Winegeart
6130 Pine Ridge Avenue
Alexandria, LA 71301

1928 Histories in the Conference Files:

Oakland Sunday School Missionary Society
Pearl River
Alexandria
Boyce
Bunkie
Alco
Cheneyville
Glenmora
Marthaville
Kurthwood
Montgomery
Opelousas
Amite
Baton Rouge, First
Keener Memorial
Hammond
Ponchatoula
Zachary
Barham
Gueydan
Kaplan
Many
Merryville
Lake Charles
New Iberia
Rayne
Sulphur
Cotton Valley
Coushatta
Minden
Olla
Ringgold

Farmerville
Gibsland
Haynesville
Homer
Jonesboro
Lisbon
Marion
Ruston
Bethany
Bossier City
Gilliam
Grand Cane
Greenwood
Harmon
Hosston
Ida
Logansport
Mansfield
Pelican
Mitchell
Vivian
Shreveport, First
Mangum Mem.,Shreve.
Noel Memorial,Shreve.
Claiborne (Wynn)Shreve.

Rochelle
Selma

Wesley, Athens Charge
Choudrant

Springhill
Trout
Winnfield
Bastrop
Buckner
Columbia
Crew Lake
Delhi
Ferriday
Beouff Prairie
Jones
Little Creek
Mangham
Mer Rouge
Monroe
Gordon Ave., Monroe
Oak Ridge
Rayville
St. Joseph
Wesley, Tensas Parish
Waterproof
Eagle Island
Morgan City
Algiers
Carrollton Ave., N. O.
Epworth, New Orleans
Felicity St., N. O.
Parker Memorial, N. O.
Rayne Memorial, N. O.
St. Marks's Hall, N. O.
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Amigos en Misión

"In His Word – In His Spirit – In His Love"

Amy Ward
Dean of the School

The School of Christian Mission is one of the key programs for United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Church! The school provides a primary setting for mission education, confrontation with current issues, spiritual growth, leadership development, opportunities to build personal and supportive relationships and introduces new program emphases.

Your school committee has secured an outstanding faculty and additional resource persons and has developed exciting plans and special features. This year all classes will be in small groups and for the weekday school, you may choose a major course of eight hours of instruction and a minor course of six hours. The week-end school will include a major course of eight hours and a sampler.

The theme this year is "Amigos en Mision" adding each day, "In His Word", "In His Spirit", "In His Love." The studies are "Latin America", "The Interior Life", and "Biblical Understanding of Mission to the Individual and to Society". I am always impressed with the timeliness of the studies for although plans begin three years in advance, the studies are always on the pulse of the day.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION – 1980

In addition to an outstanding faculty we have secured Eleine Phillips for AV's and Avis Moore to lead us in music and worship. The Resource/Learning Center will be enlarged under the direction of Johnnye Butler and her task group. A special emphasis will be "Mission Education in the Local Church" under the enthusiastic leadership of Inez Chrisentery in plenary sessions in both schools.

If you are a first timer, you are in for a special treat and exciting experience. Your address while on campus is JAMES DORMITORY, P. O. BOX 4188, CENTENARY COLLEGE, SHREVEPORT, LA., 71104, TELEPHONE 318-869-5313. It is necessary to bring your linens, blanket, pillow, towels and soap. All of the rooms are air-conditioned. You will want to arrive in time to register and have lunch before the opening session at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, 22nd. The school closes at noon Friday, 25th. The week-end school begins with supper served at 5:00 P.M. on Friday, 25th, followed by the opening plenary at 6:00 P.M. The school concludes at noon on Sunday 27th.

Our Supportive Community Coordinator, Jessie Chastain, suggests that a local unit may want to encourage a young mother to attend by helping with her family at home. I also suggest you contact your District President to see if carpools are available. One district plans a bus! Additional information for the School is included in this newspaper. Plan now to be a part of this Conference Mission Experience!

Amy Ward
Dean 1980

FIESTA

Our School of Christian Mission of 1980 is one you will not want to miss. We have so many events planned for you!

At FUN TIME on the first night of each session of the School, we will enjoy a real LATIN AMERICAN FIESTA. There will be games, music, dance, refreshments, and pinatas; complete with a 'serenader of musica mestiza.' So-bring your costumes from south of the border (or tuck in a peasant blouse and a gaily colored skirt.) You will receive a flower for your hair. Also, your tamborines, maracas, and castanets will be handy, or any Latin American musical instruments your car pool will allow.

TUESDAY
or
FRIDAY EVENING!!!
SMITH AUDITORIUM!!!

Adios Hasta Luego,
Fran Hall

Fran Hall
Assistant Dean

1980 Schools of Christian Mission

LISTS OF TEXTS

"BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDINGS OF MISSION TO INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETY"

'Beyond Brokenness' by Louis A. Smith and Joseph R. Barndt $2.95

'In Your Midst: Perspectives on Christian Mission' by Sheila D. Collins and John A. Collins $3.25

'Engaging in Mission: A Study Action Guide' by William Forbes $2.25

"LATIN AMERICA"

'The Cry of My People' by Esther and Mortimer Arias $2.95

'In Every Person Who Hopes: Latin America Faces and Places' by James and Margaret Goff $3.75

'The Indian Awakening in Latin America' A collection of papers from Latin America $5.95

'Map 'N Facts: Latin America' $2.25

'Two Ways to Look South: A Guide to Latin America' by R. Dwight Wilhelm $2.25

"THE INTERIOR LIFE"

'Live the Questions Now: The Interior Life' by Beth E. Rhude and Guide; 'To Live Prayerfully' by Mary Lou Van Buren $1.75

'Prayer and Worship' by Douglas V. Steere $1.95

PLAN AHEAD!!!

Remember that all roads lead to New Orleans in September and you will want to join all the other Methodist Women of Louisiana as they meet at Dillard University for Annual Meeting September 19-20, 1980. Mrs. John Blackman and her hard working committee have BIG plans for you and you surely want to put this important event on your calendar.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

PURPOSES AND GOALS OF 1980 STUDIES

BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDINGS OF MISSION:

The purpose of this study is to encourage North American Christians to discover new Biblical understandings of mission to individuals and society and to translate these understandings into personal and social action.

LATIN AMERICA:

To produce in United States/Canadian Christians an awareness of Latin American people and their political, economic, and cultural realities (Rio Grande to Cape Horn) in order to bring about an identification with the people and lead us to responsible action and change in our own lives and national response and denominational strategy and initiatives affecting the Latin American people in terms of the demands of the Gospel.

THE INTERIOR LIFE:

To gain a deeper understanding of the interior life and to continue to deepen and develop one's own interior life through the discovery of and acquaintance with people of prayer in Christian tradition/heritage, especially women; an understanding of the universal yearning of the human spirit across religious and cultural boundaries; and an understanding of ways to develop one's own interior life: Prayer, worship, meditation, journals, diaries, and letters.

It is hoped that many of you, in your local units, have met the requirements for receiving an Excellence of Studies certificate. These are presented at our Conference School of Christian Mission each year by our Conference Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns, Mrs Wayne Bryan. If you have met the requirements, (or have questions about this) contact your District Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns. We hope to award more than ever this year!

Mrs. Eleine Phillips

AUDIO-VISUAL LEADER

Once again, we are fortunate to have secured the services of Eleine Phillips as A.V. leader. Eleine comes to us from Kansas where she has served as District and Conference Coordinator for Global Concerns. She is always interested in Schools of Christian Mission and, realizing the need for a stronger Audio-Visual emphasis, she has volunteered her services and her equipment to promote this educational opportunity. Married to Russell Phillips of Valley Center, Kansas, we are indeed pleased to welcome back Eleine.

"O SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG"

Want to have an extra "fun-learning experience" at School this summer? Then, plan now to join the MUSIC INTEREST GROUP. It will be led by our Music and Worship Resource Person, Avis F. Moore. Avis is a Diaconal Minister on the staff of First United Methodist Church in North Little Rock, Ark. She is married to Donald Moore and the mother of one son. She has held several offices in all levels of U.M.W. Avis will be giving leadership to the music throughout our School. The MUSIC INTEREST GROUP will be an added attraction for those interested in singing, working with music in programming, learning skills and techniques, and assisting with worship during School. You will have an opportunity to register for the MIG when you arrive at Centenary and check in. Avis and Helen Brock will be there to greet you and give you a special nametag. The hymnal "SISTERS AND BROTHERS, SING," will be used so if you have a copy, please bring it. They will also be available in the Resource Room. The Psalmist challenges us to "Make a joyful noise to the Lord . . . Come into His presence with singing!" Come join us in the Music Interest Group for "a new song."

Mrs. Avis Moore

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

MIDWEEK SCHOOL I — 1980 — WEEKEND SCHOOL II

TUESDAY JULY 22 "Amigos en Mision"	WEDNESDAY JULY 23 In His Word	THURSDAY JULY 24 In His Spirit	FRIDAY JULY 25 In His Love	SATURDAY JULY 26 In His Word & Spirit	SUNDAY JULY 27 In His Love
	7:10 AM Worship	7:10 AM Worship	7:10 AM Worship	7:10 AM Worship	7:10 AM Worship
	7:30 AM Breakfast	7:30 AM Breakfast	7:30 AM Breakfast	7:30 AM Breakfast	7:30 AM Breakfast
8:30-12:00 Registration James Dorm Visit Program Resource Centenary Room, cafe Learning Center Student Union Bldg.	8:00 to 8:45 Music Interest Group or Learning Center; Program Resources 9:00 to 12:00 Class I Major Course	8:00 to 8:45 Music Interest Group or Learning Center; Program Resources 9:00 to 12:00 Class I Major Course	9:00 to 10:30 Class II Minor Course 10:30 Break 10:45 to 11:45 Closing Celebration Midweek School Closes	8:00 to 9:45 Plenary, Music, Mission Education in Local Church 9:45 Break 10:00 to 12:00 Class	8:30 to 10:30 Class 10:30 Break 10:45 to 11:45 Special Recognition Closing Celebration Weekend School Closes
12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	WEEKEND SCHOOL OPENS	12:00 Lunch	Opening, Closing Plenaries Hurley Auditorium
1:00 Opening Plenary 2:15 Break 2:30 to 4:30 Class I Major Course	1:15 to 2:45 Plenary Mission Education in the Local Church 2:45 Break 3:00 to 4:15 Music, AV's 4:15 Learning Center	1:15 to 2:45 Plenary Special Recognition Working in Teams and Committees 2:45 Break 3:00 to 4:45 Music AV's	2:00 - 4:30 Registration James Dorm Learning Center Student Union Bldg. Program Resource Cafeteria 4:30-5:00 Orientation first timers	1:00 to 1:45 Music Interest Group or Learning Center Program Resources 2:00 to 3:30 Music, AV's 3:45 to 4:45 Sampler	Program Resource in Centenary Room Cafeteria A.V.'s in Kilpatrick Auditorium, Smith Bldg. Learning Center Student Union Bldg. Music Interest Group James Dorm Lounge
5:00 Dinner	5:00 Dinner	5:00 Dinner	5:00 Dinner "Amigos en Mision"	5:00 Dinner	
6:00 Orientation for First Timers James Dorm Lounge 7:00 to 8:30 Fellowship and Fun	6:15 to 8:45 Class II Minor Course 9:00 Community Sing	6:30 to 8:30 Class II Minor Course 8:45 Community Sing	6:00 to 7:15 Plenary 7:15 Break 7:30 to 9:00 Class Community Fun	6:30 to 9:00 Class 9:00 Community Sing	

HOUSING

The cost for housing will be $8.00, per night, for double occupancy. Limited space does not allow single occupancy. Please bring your towels, soap, linens, pillow and light blanket. The dormitory and classrooms are air-conditioned. Please do not ask us to reserve a room for only one night. This is not fair to those needing rooms for the entire school.

MEALS

Cost of meals will be:

Breakfast	$ 2.00
Lunch	2.50
Dinner	3.00

Cost for School I:

Meal Ticket	22.50
Room	24.00
Total	46.50

Cost for School II:

Meal Ticket	12.50
Room	16.00
Total	28.50

Everyone staying in the dormitory must purchase a meal ticket. School I includes Tuesday lunch through Friday breakfast: $22.50-still a bargain! School II includes Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast for $12.50.

1980: INTRODUCING SCHOOL

"BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING"

Dr. John C. Holbert

Mrs. Willa Curry

Mrs. Mary Lou Blakeman

John C. Holbert was born in Indiana, then moved with his family to Phoenix, Arizona. It was here he developed a keen interest in both music and sports. He attended Grinnell College in Iowa, majoring in Philosophy. Here he met Diana Brown of Kansas and they were later married while he was in Oerkins School of Theology. He graduated with high honors, then received his Ph.D. in Old Testament in 1975.

He has served as pastor of University Methodist Church in Lake Charles; Assistant Professor of Religion at Texas Wesleyan College, and is now a Professor of Old Testament at S.M.U.

He and Diana have a son and a daughter. John has done extensive vocal solo work in operas as well as numerous churches.

"I see myself as a minister of the church, even though at present I am not in the pastoral ministry. My scholarship of the Bible and my music are both intended to enhance the church's life and to enlarge its ministries to the immediate community and to the world," says Dr. Holbert.

Mrs. Willa Curry has served as Dean and teacher in her South Carolina Schools as well as across Jurisdictional and Regional lines. She has been active in all levels of work in the United Methodist Church. She is currently holding membership in The Women's and World Divisions and served as delegate to the World Methodist Conference in Ireland.

Mrs, Curry is a graduate of Clark College in Atlanta and holds a Master in Education degree. She is a Guidance Counselor by profession. She recently participated in a United States-China travel study. She also served on a Task Force to Africa.

She was a member of the task group which did research for, "To a Higher Glory," the history on Black women organized for Mission in the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Curry is the wife of Dr. John W. Curry, a United Methodist minister. They have two sons.

Mary Lou Blakeman is a native of Louisiana and received her degree in Secondary Education from Centenary College. She is married to Warren Blakeman, minister of Aurora United Methodist Church, New Orleans. They are the parents of three children. By profession, she serves as a public school teacher.

She has served as District President and Vice-President and presently is the Membership Chairperson for the Louisiana Conference, United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Blakeman is Vice-Chairperson of La. Delegation of Perkins Lay Advisory Council; Member of La. State Board of Education Comm. on Student Concerns; District Delegate to Annual Conference; National Reading Program Evaluator; and Speaker for the Regional Satelite Meeting of World Federation of Methodist Women.

Latin America

Mrs. Leora Trice

Leora Trice, a native of Dallas, Texas, was educated there and received a degree in Journalism from S.M.U. She has done graduate study in political science at L.S.U.

Mrs. Trice has served as teacher in several Schools of Christian Mission within this Jurisdiction. She is also a former Conference and District officer in United Methodist Women both in Louisiana and Texas. She serves as President of her local unit and also teaches an adult study class in her church. Mrs. Trice also works as a substitute teacher in the Dallas high schools.

She is married to Dr. W. E. Trice, a District Superintendent in the Dallas area and they have two daughters.

Mrs. Ardelia Scott

OF MISSION TEACHERS

"INTERIOR LIFE"

Dr. Nancy Carter Goodley

Nancy Carter Goodley is Editor of program resources for the Education and Cultivation Division of The United Methodist Church. She edits the spiritual growth study, the program resources book and The Call to Prayer material, in addition to other duties.

Dr. Goodley has an A.B. in English and Bible and a Ph.D. in literary studies. She has done post-graduate work at Union Theological Seminary.

Before joining the staff of the Board of Global Ministries, she was vice-president of the Salisbury District United Methodist Women in Maryland. Presently, she is worship chairperson at Washington Square United Methodist Church in New York City. Her husband is the minister for The United Methodist Church of the Tarrytowns.

Mrs. Teena Hemphill

Teena Hemphill was born in Norwood, La. and attended school in Centreville, Miss. She received her Master's Degree in Mathematics and she teaches in high school. She is married to Melvin S. Hemphill who is retired after serving as Director of Admissions at Delta State University. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Hemphill has served as local, district and conference officer in womens work and has taught youth and adult church school classes. She has been Dean of her Regional School of Christian Mission and was a member of the Women's Division. She was a delegate to the World Federation of Methodist Women and is presently serving as President of North Mississippi Conference United Methodist Women and as Vice-Chairperson of her Conference Council on Ministries. She is also a Delegate to 1980 General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Her hobbies are sewing and gardening.

Mrs. Estelle Dameron

Estelle Dameron is a native of Baton Rouge and a graduate of L.S.U. She did graduate work at Scarritt and Iliff School of Theology.

She has served as Conference President and member of Board of Missions; delegate to two General Conferences of the church and President of Church Women United for the state. Estelle serves on the Conference Commission on Religion and Race; District Council on Ministries; and just completed a term as Conference Chairperson on Constitution, Bylaws and Standing rules of U.M.W.

In her local church she is a teacher of a Young Adult class and Librarian, as well as serving on several boards and Commissions.

Estelle was married to the late Rev. George W. Dameron and has one son and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Ardelia Scott, a native of Bastrop, received her B.S. degree from Grambling University and further studied at L.S.U. and North East State. She has served as leader of many leadership development teams.

Ardelia has been very active in The United Methodist Church, serving in many leadership positions on all levels. She has taught in several Schools of Christian Mission on District and Conference levels. Working with Community Programs has been a great part of her activities. She serves The Council On Aging as chairperson. This organization serves the needs of hundreds of elderly people each day.

Mrs. Scott has one daughter and one grandson.

Our delegates returning from the South Central Jurisdiction meeting in El Paso, Texas, inform us that that our own ELIZABETH N. THOMAS of Baker has been selected as one of 16 nominees to Women's Division.

CONGRATULATIONS
Elizabeth!

1980 GOALS
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

1. TO EMPHASIZE IN 1980 THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IN ALL CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT EXPERIENCES BY:
   (1) Developing and using specific skills, techniques, and resources for improving communication at every level by encouraging Districts to have Workshops on Communication;
   (2) Interpreting the PURPOSE and AUTHENTIC IMAGE of United Methodist Women, including specific reference to the Women's Division, to the total Church at Conference, District, and Local levels through audio-visuals, programs, and presentations at Annual Conference, District Councils on Ministries, Annual District Conferences, and Local Churches.

2. TO HAVE IN IMPLEMENTATION, BY DECEMBER 31, 1980, A MEMBERSHIP PLAN EMPHASIZING THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ORGANIZATIONS AS A CARING AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY, INTERACTING AT ALL LEVELS BY:
   (1) Having 100% participation of Units in the "Share Your Umbrella" program which includes:
      (a) Electing a Membership Chairperson in every Local Unit;
      (b) Sending the name of the Membership Chairperson to the Conference Chairperson of Membership by July 15, 1980;
   (2) Beginning in 1980 a program based on caring in which:
      (a) Each Unit will be encouraged to increase their membership by caring for those persons not now active in U.M.W. and "Sharing Your Umbrella" of love and concern with them:
      (b) Each District will be zoned geographically so that an active Unit might sponsor the organization or reactivation of a Unit in a nearby Church without an active Unit, thereby serving as the sponsoring body.

3. TO HAVE 15 LOCAL UNITS WITH AT LEAST 10% OF THEIR MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE READING PROGRAM AT TIME OF ANNUAL MEETING 1980 BY:
   (1) Emphasizing the Reading Plan I (4 books--1 from each category--in addition to the regular reading of response) through presentations and displays at Conference meetings and through brochures to District and Local Secretaries of Program Resources;
   (2) Distributing questionnaires from Conference Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood to focus on the spiritual growth derived, procedures used, and general reflection from Reading Program participation;
   (3) Awarding Certificates of Recognition at Conference Annual Meeting to Units that participated in the Reading Program.

4. TO CONTINUE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES THROUGH CONFERENCE, DISTRICT, AND LOCAL UNITS BY:
   (1) Recommending appointment of a task group to design specific ways for implementation of the Charter at all levels, with specific emphasis on Local Units.

5. FOR THE QUADRENNIUM 1980-84, TO PLACE MAJOR EMPHASIS ON MINISTRIES TO CHILDREN, WOMEN, AND THE WHOLE FAMILY BY:
   (1) Establishing a Committee on Legislative Concerns whose functions shall be:
      (a) Holding a Legislative Workshop to help United Methodist Women members become more knowledgeable about the legislative process;
      (b) Obtaining information regarding the need and opportunity for legislation affecting the lives of children, women, and the family;
      (c) Sharing such information with the entire constituency of the United Methodist Women by every means available;
   (2) Establishing a Child Advocacy Committee to stress continued need for those programs on behalf of children begun during the International Year of the Child;
   (3) Including the Chairpersons of the Committee on Legislative Concerns and the Committee on Child Advocacy as members of the Conference Committee on Program.

6. TO PROMOTE STUDY AND ACTION RELATED TO THE LAW OF THE SEA, DURING 1980, BY:
   (1) Providing lists of available printed and audio-visual materials and resource persons, these lists to be sent to (and distributed by) the District Presidents and the District Mission Coordinators for Christian Global Concerns;
   (2) Encouraging District Presidents to present information about the Law of the Sea through the District Council on Ministries and the District Organization of United Methodist Women, making recommendations for action at District and Local levels.

7. TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING/GROWING EXPERIENCES IN SEVERAL SPECIFIC AREAS IN 1980-1981 BY:
   (1) Sponsoring a Mission Tour in Louisiana in 1980 as a part of Annual Meeting;
   (2) Holding a Retreat in 1981;
   (3) Cooperating with the Annual Conference in the 1980 emphasis "The Christian Mission";
   (4) Taking picture-slides and making a cassette tape of key program parts so those components can be made into a fifteen minute presentation available for Local Unit programs;
   (5) Encouraging women either individually or as a Unit to participate in the C.W.U. "Spirit Walk" March 7 - May 2, giving emphasis to Louisiana Day March 27, 1980.
   (6) Encouraging Districts to include training for Circle Leaders at Local Elected Leaders Training, asking Sub-District Officers, who will have been trained for this responsibility at District Elected Leaders Training (or other qualified leadership) to assume this responsibility.

Each District Organization and Local Unit are encouraged to study these goals carefully and adopt them as part of the total program, adding your own strategies and implementing the goals in the ways most appropriate and effective for your District or Local Unit.

Helen Brock
Conference Vice-President

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you are attending School of Christian Mission, please clip the Registration Card and Class Enrollment Card, printed below, fill in and mail along with your Registration fee ONLY to the Registrar. The fee is $8.50 for either of the two schools. However, if you plan to attend both, the fee will be only $10.00. This includes insurance while on campus and also while traveling from your home and returning.

You may choose two courses of study for School No. 1. Your first choice should be your major course and this will involve eight hours. Your second choice will be a minor study, involving six hours. For School No. 2, your first choice will be your major course and the second, a sampler. Please mark your class enrollment card according to your choice.

You can be refunded your registration fee up until July 7. So if you cannot attned, please notify the Registrar and also the Housing Chairperson so that your room may be released for someone else. REGISTER EARLY to assure a room in the dormitory and your choice of studies.

Your Registrar of School of Christian Mission for 1980; to whom you send the form below is:

Mrs. Fred Barr
200 Fairfield Drive
Ruston, LA 71270

REGISTRATION CARD
Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

School of Christian Mission
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

Check School Attending:
School No. 1, July 22-25, 1980 ( )
School No. 2, July 25-27, 1980 ( )

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Church _____ District _____

Office Held _____

Staying on Campus ( ) No ( )
Telephone No. (Locally), if not staying on campus _____
First time to attend School of Christian Mission ( )

CLASS ENROLLMENT CARD

Check School Attending:
School No. 1, July 22-25, 1980 ( )
School No. 2, July 25-27, 1980 ( )

Name _____

You must have this enrollment card to be admitted to class. It will be at the desk of th Registrar, James Dormitory. Class enrollment cuts off at 30. Register early. Check TWO of the studies listed below that you wish to take.

MAJOR	MINOR	
( )	( )	The Interior LIfe
( )	( )	Latin America
( )	( )	Biblical Understandings of Mission

Do you plan to teach this study? Yes ( ) No ( )

To be filled in by Registrar:

Teacher _____ Room No. _____ Bldg. _____

ELIZABETH MCGOWAN DINING HALL
RECIPIENT OF SCHOOL OFFERING

The Elizabeth McGowan Dining Hall will be dedicated at MacDonell's United Methodist Childrens' Services in Houma, La. in September, 1980. The School Committee felt all of the Conference United Methodist Women would want to join in honoring Elizabeth and rejoice with her in the completion of this building bearing her name. The offering taken at both schools will be dedicated to this project. If any individual or unit would like to participate but will not be present you may send a check to the Conf. Treasurer for this purpose. Let's help complete this lovely building and join Elizabeth in the dedication in September.

Conference Treasurer:
Mrs. Shirley Hoffpauir
Rt. 8, Box 1549
Lake Charles, LA 70605

HOUSING INFORMATION

If you need housing in the dormitory for School of Christian Mission, you will need to fill in the form below and mail, separately, to the Housing Chairperson. If you have a preference for a roommate, please indicate on your card, AFTER you have checked with the person you are indicating. Limited space does not allow single occupancy of a room. Also indicate if a first floor room is necessary for health reasons.

Your Housing Chairperson of School of Christian Mission for 1980; to whom you send the form below is:

Mrs. Lottie Palazzo
2221 Elizabeth Street
Metairie, LA 70003

HOUSING CARD

Check School Attending:
School No. 1, July 22-25, 1980 ( )
School No. 2, July 25-27, 1980 ( )

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Church _____ District _____

Day & Time Arriving _____

First floor accomodations needed ( )

Roommate preferred _____

To be filled in by Housing Chm.:

James Dormitory Room No. _____

ATTENTION!!!

ALL participants in School of Christian Mission are urged to bring their Bibles to School. If you are requesting the course "The Interior Life" you are asked to bring copies of two books if you have access to them. Dr. Goodley has asked that these be used in her group (also bring a notebook) and they would be helpful to the other leaders of this course, also. The books are "Healing Fountain" and Steere's "Prayer and Worship."

STAFF

CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

CENTENARY COLLEGE
July 22-27, 1980

Dean: Mrs. Amy Ward (Truman)

Ass't. Dean: Mrs. Fran Hall (Chris)

Registrar: Mrs. Mary Margaret Barr (Fred)

Treasurer: Mrs. Shirley Hoffpauir (Leo)

Secretary: Mrs. Fran Hall

Housing: Mrs. Lottie Palazzo (A.J.)

Courtesy & Local Arrangements: Mrs. Dorothy Thomas (L. G.)

Program Materials: Mrs. Gloria Chapman (Carlyle)

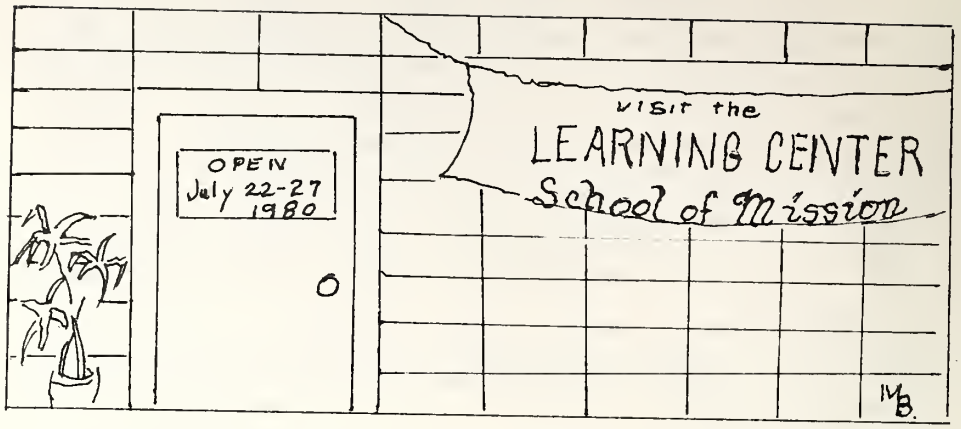
Music & Worship: Mrs. Audrey Milo (Howard)

Publicity: Mrs. Nancy Carruth (E.T.)

Audio Visuals: Mrs. Janet Hoffpauir (Richard)

Learning Center: Mrs. Johnnye Butler (T.J.)

Evaluation: Mrs. Mary Adele Compton (Robert)



Don't forget to Come'N and Browse at the RESOURCE/LEARNING CENTER, during the School of Christian Mission, July 22-27, 1980.

You will find many selected and organized materials that will provide a most meaningful aspect to the three mission studies, and other special emphases.

Johnnye Butler
Resource/Learning Center Coordinator

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Mrs. Nancy M. Carruth
P. O. Box 267
Bunkie, LA 71322

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United Methodist Women

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Opening Doors In A New Decade

Dr. Samuel DuBois Cook
President, Dillard University

Seventh Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

SEPTEMBER 19 - 20, 1980

Dr. Cook and all the personnel of Dillard University, New Orleans, welcome you to this beautiful campus for the convening of the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women.

Planning for Annual Meeting
Front Row - Mrs. Albert Stevenson, Mrs. John Blackman, Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Back Row - Mrs. Robert Eggerton and Mrs. David Mielke

Further plans for the Annual Meeting were completed at the recent School of Christian Mission meeting in Shreveport. Mrs. John Blakeman of Baton Rouge is serving as Chairperson for the 1980 Annual Meeting program. Meetings have been held throughout the year in order to give you the best possible Annual Meeting. Since this meeting will not be in a local church, there has been no one local unit of United Methodist Women to assist in the arrangements. Therefore many have become involved. Mrs. Robert Eggerton, President of the New Orleans-Slidell District and Mrs. David Mielke, President of the New Orleans-Houma District have served very capably with Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Local Arrangements Chairperson. Mrs. Albert Stevenson is serving as Treasurer of the Meeting. They, along with countless others (you will find listed in your program at Annual Meeting), pray that you will find the spiritual renewal for the OPENING OF DOORS IN THE NEW DECADE.

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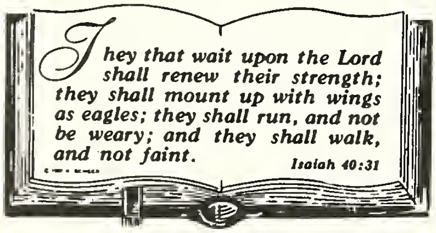


READING PROGRAM

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Louisiana Conference

Reading Program

Requirements - To qualify for the Reading Program Achievement Certificate, 10% of a unit or any sub-group must read and discuss four (4) books during a year, one from each mission category--Christian Personhood, Supportive Community, Christian Social Involvement, and Global Concerns; also, must do regular reading of the "Response" magazine.

Achievement Certificates - The unit or sub-group with 10% of its members meeting the requirement during a UMW year will be awarded an Achievement Certificate at Annual Meeting. The president of the unit will notify the District Secretary of Program Resources of the accomplishment. In turn, the District Program Resources Secretary will send the names to the Conference Program Resources for recognition at Annual Meeting. The Conference Coordinator of Christian Personhood, with the help of the District Coordinators, will regularly evaluate through a questionnaire.

Books - May be chosen from the current year's Reading List and from the Reading List from the three previous years. The current year's lists are available free from the Service Center in Cincinnati. (See page 3 of the Reading Program brochure free from Service Center for ways to promote the program.)

Goal for 1980! - The goal for 1980 is to have 10% of 15 units or sub-groups per district participating in the Reading Program from September Annual Meeting, 1979 to September Annual Meeting, 1980. It can be done with your help -- God being the helper of us all.

Hopefully your unit has participated in this program, but if not, start planning to do so NOW, for 1980-81!

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

All United Methodist Women are invited to the Annual Meeting, September 19-20, 1980, to be held in Lawless Chapel on the campus of Dillard University, in New Orleans. Registration will be from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon.

The ladies of the New Orleans-Houma and the New Orleans-Slidell Districts will furnish lunch on Friday and Saturday, and juice, coffee, and rolls on Saturday morning. We appreciate the hospitality of these women as well as our hosts at Dillard University.

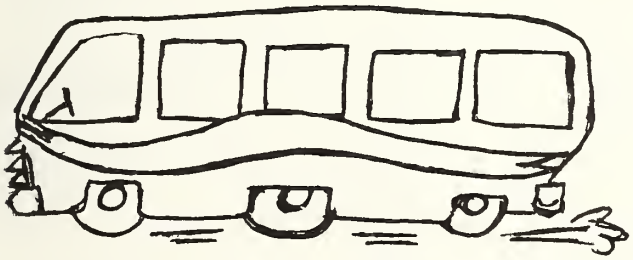
The voting membership (delegates) will be composed of the following persons: members of the conference executive committee; district officers; presidents and chairpersons of the former Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds of the former conferences A and B, and their predecessor organizations.

Local units shall be represented at the annual meeting on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof, providing every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership shall be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the Conference President 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. (Standing Rules of the Conference Organization).

This Annual Meeting has a new and unique format designed to help us "Open Doors in this New Decade." I know you look forward to seeing and learning more about the four Louisiana Mission Projects which especially relate to the United Methodist Women. And I'm hopeful many of you will have questions and comments for our keynote speaker, Marjorie Crossman, Women's Division staff member whose work has included responsibility for designing the yearly evaluation form all units are requested to submit.

I hope that you'll join us in New Orleans!

Janet Hoffpauir, Conference President



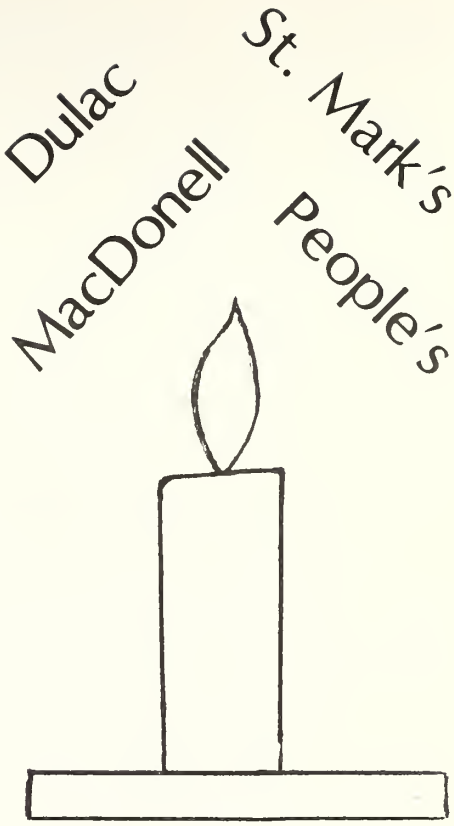
Have you heard about the exciting plans the New Orleans ladies have made to enable some to SEE two of our Mission Projects? Ann Sweany has arranged for two New Orleans Public Service buses, that will depart from Dillard University at 7:15 A.M. on Saturday, September 20. The cost will be $2.00 per person and must be reserved and PAID AHEAD when you send in your Registration Card. You will tour St. Mark's Community Center and People's Community Center. Then you will return to Dillard for the morning session at 10:30. Get your reservation in EARLY as this is limited in number!

In response to requests, we have just been informed that the ladies of New Orleans WILL have nursery facilities available for young children during (and ONLY during) the hours that we are in Sessions. If you have need of this service, or have questions about it, kindly write:

Mrs. Carl Gallaher
P. O. Box 24193
New Orleans, LA 70184

or phone her at:
(504) 488-5048

The nursery will be at Rosenwald Hall in the Administration Building at Dillard University.



We plan to light our "Mission Candle" at Annual Meeting in Dillard University. This time we will burn the candle for our Louisiana Missions. Your support is needed by the means of contributions of money which we will divide equally between Dulac, MacDonell, St. Mark and People's. It all depends on how much money is received for the candle to burn during our meeting. We will snuff it out when the time is up. For your information, this is what is needed for our missions to operate in 1980:

$ 27.98	for one minute
139.88	for five minutes
1,678.75	for one hour
40,290.00	for one day

Send your contributions (either as an individual or unit) to the Conference Treasurer:
Shirley G. Hoffpauir
Rt. 8, Box 1549
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70605

Money should be received by September 10th. Let us show that we do care!

(Our offering, taken on Friday evening during Annual Meeting, will be sent to National Division undesignated.)

PROGRAM

"OPENING DOORS IN A NEW DECADE"

Friday, September 19, 1980

12:50 Organ Prelude . . . . . .Miss Barbara Murray
Convening of Annual Meeting . . . Mrs. Richard Hoffpauir
Opening Worship:
"Sound the Amen" . . . . . Mrs. George Chastain, Jr.
Soloist. . . . . Mr. Arthur Robertson
Lighting of Mission Candle . . . . . .Mrs. Walter Brock
Prayer . . . . . .Mrs. T. J. Butler, Sr.
Welcome . . . . . Dr. Samuel DuBois Cook
Mrs. Robert Eggerton
Mrs. David Mielke
Dr. W. D. Boddie
Rev. William C. Blakely
Report of the President. . . . . Mrs. Richard Hoffpauir
Presentation of Program. . . . . .Mrs. John Blackman
Local Arrangements . . . . . .Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Business:
Appointment of Committees
Recommendations from Exec. Comm. . Mrs. Chris Hall
Report of Treasurer
Presentation of 1981 Budget. . . . . .Mrs. Leo Hoffpauir
Report of Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and and Standing Rules. . . . . Mrs. Robert Compton
Report of Comm. on Nominations . .Mrs. Luther Rone
Election of Conference Officers
Presentation of Program Resources
. . . . . Mrs. Carlyle Chapman
"Share Your Umbrella" Membership Emphasis
. . . . . Mrs. Warren Blakeman
Introduction of Speaker..Mrs. Robert Compton
"DOOR KEYS" . . . . . Ms. Marjorie Crossman
Information on Tour of Projects . . . . . Ann Sweaney
"Dimension of Mission" . . . . . The Nine Districts

7:00 Dinner. . . . . .Dillard Cafeteria
Invocation. . . . . .Dr. Tom Matheny

7:50 Evening Worship
Call to Worship . . . . . Dillard University Concert Choir
Prayer . . . . . .Rev. Leslie Norris
Special Music. . . . . Dillard Choir
Offertory
Message - "DOORS AJAR". . . . . Ms. Marjorie Crossman

Saturday, September 20, 1980

7:15 Tour of Projects (by bus) to St. Mark's and People's
(Coffee & doughnuts served at the Centers for Tour Groups)
7:30 Coffee & doughnuts at Dillard for persons not taking tour
8:40 Celebrate with Song . . . . . Mrs. Albert Stevenson
Introduction of Project Directors:
MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services
. . . . . .G. J. Bridges
Spanish Speaking Ministry. . . . . Mrs. Marta Sanfiel
Dulac Community Center
10:30 Prayer . . . . . Mr. Ernest Arnold
Pledge Service . . . . . .Mrs. Leo Hoffpauir
"Bless This House" . . . . . Mrs. Althea Washington
Honoring Retiring Officers . . . . . .Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas
Honoring Retiring Women's Division Director and Jurisdiction Comm. Member. . .Mrs. Charles McGowan
Installation of Officers . . . . . Mrs. Truman Ward
Sacrament of Holy Communion . . . Rev. Nancy Gammill,
Rev. Kathy Henderson
Rev. Millie Feske
Rev. Dorothy McGowen
Choir. . . . . Women of Bethany U.M.C., Sanctuary Choir
Adjournment. . . . . Mrs. Richard Hoffpauir

"DIMENSION OF MISSION"

On Friday afternoon, following the keynote speech by Marjorie Crossman, the delegates and visitors are invited to the Library on the Dillard campus to see your Program Resource Book 'in action.' Each of the nine districts have accepted the responsibility of using one of the programs in display forms with posters and visual aids to make the programs come ALIVE! This is so that you can see that the program book is not so hard to use. It is hoped that you will be inspired, informed, and encouraged to use the program book. Be sure you avail yourself of this very important portion of the Annual Meeting (as well as a chance to see the beautiful Library at Dillard University).

The Districts will be presenting the following programs:

Alexandria District:
"The Privilege of Giving"
Mrs. J. A. Stinson-President

Baton Rouge-Hammond District
"A Matter of Choice"
Mrs. John Blackman-President

Baton Rouge-Lafayette District:
"Candles, Carols, and Gifts"
Mrs. Ardessie Prophet-President

Lake Charles District:
"A Common Bond: Ecumenical Involvement of United Methodist Women"
Mrs. George Heard, Sr.-President

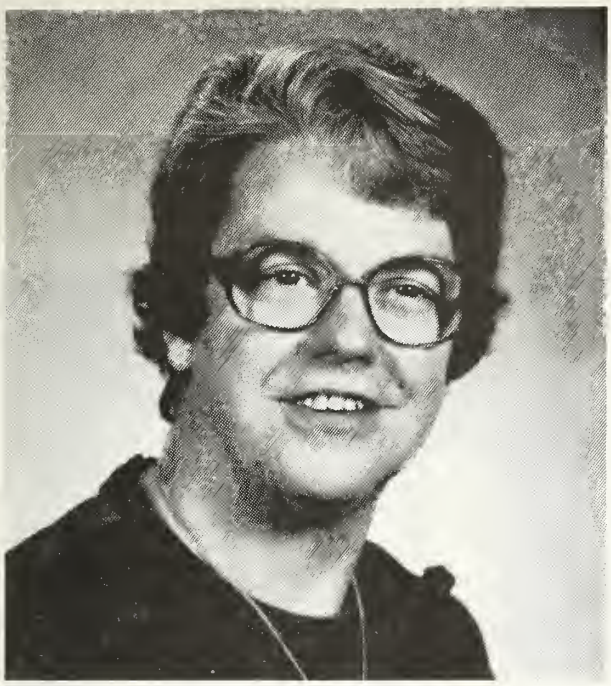
Monroe District:
"God Can Use You"
Mrs. H. M. Moak-President

New Orleans-Houma District:
"Do All to the Glory of God"
Mrs. David Mielke-President

New Orleans-Slidell District:
"The Cost of Discipleship"
Mrs. Robert Eggerton-President

Ruston District:
"Quality of Life in the Global Community"
Mrs. Cecil Read-President

Shreveport District:
"Simpler Lifestyles"
Mrs. Tom Crosby-President



Marjorie S. Crossman

Highlights of Annual Meeting

Our speaker at Annual Meeting this year will be Marjorie Seaman Crossman, a native of Salina, Kansas. She is a product of a family of ministers and is the niece of the first woman licensed to preach in Southeast Missouri. Marjorie comes by her devotion to Christ and his church quite predictably, having chosen a church-related college and graduating from Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, with a degree in Sociology. Her work life has included social work (group and case), secretarial and administrative positions in church offices at Boston University School of Theology. In her spare time she has participated in a variety of leadership responsibilities in the United Methodist Women. She has held offices in local churches and in Annual Conference. A consuming avocation is her music. She has been soloist at many churches and likes to combine songs with speech for inspirational messages. Currently she is a member of Grace United Methodist Church, New York, and is a member of the Women's Division staff as Secretary of Organizational Development and Evaluation. She will speak to us at the afternoon and evening sessions on Friday, using as her topic, "DOOR KEYS" and "DOORS AJAR."

Our Mission Projects

BUS TOUR TO INCLUDE:

PEOPLE'S UNITED METHODIST CENTER

2019 Simon Bolivar Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70113
Director: Rev. Wm. London, Jr.

The Center was founded on July 4, 1922. In 1954, it moved into its present building in that part of New Orleans, called Central City - the disadvantaged area.

The purpose of the Center is to build Christian character and good citizenship among all people of the community while rendering needed social service.

Day care and child development programs are offered year round to 200 children. During the summer, classes are offered in music, arts and crafts, drama, dancing and character development.

More than 200 teenagers participate in different activities and more than 150 adults are reached through classes in sewing and nutrition; civic, social and community meetings; workshops and institutes; and Young Marrieds and Child-Teacher Groups.

The Center is owned by the United Methodist Church but about one half of its support comes from the United Fund of The Greater New Orleans Area.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

1130 N. Rampart Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70116
Director: Rev. David Billings

St. Mark's Community Center is a United Methodist agency which was established in 1909 as part of a nationwide movement to establish community centers in high poverty areas in the country.

Today St. Mark has a staff of over 50 persons, maintains six program divisions in addition to specially-funded cultural projects. More than 400 youngsters a day are served through: (1) Recreation, (2) Treme Street Academy, (3) Big Sisters of Greater New Orleans, (4) Pre-Vocational Guidance, (5) Day Care Training, and (6) Ethnic Heritage Project, plus a camp in Covington, La., and St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

St. Mark's is an agency "where people care about people" and its staff strives untiringly to develop activities to fulfill the needs of the entire community.

DIRECTORS PRESENTED AT DILLARD FOR:

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER

P. O. Box 100
Dulac, Louisiana 70353

Miss Wilhelmina Hooper went to Dulac in 1932 for a two week visit and stayed 39 years. With the support of her sister, Miss Hooper began a school for Indian children. It was a ministry of love, as no funds, no facilities, no transportation nor books existed when she arrived.

When public education was opened to the Indians in 1954, Dulac broadened its program to become a community center.

Today the three priorities are education--including a kindergarten and day care center for 140 Indian, black and white children, a home-start program, and an off-campus college course in cooperation with Nicholls State University; medical--a full-time nurse and aide working in the community and Center clinics; and economic--helping fishermen organize to finance larger, modern shrimp boats and to insure the future of the shrimp industry in the area. Many other services are also provided.

The impetus behind the work remains unchanged, "To reflect God's love for us by our love and service to our fellowmen."

MacDONELL UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC.

1210 East Main Street
Houma, Louisiana 70360
Director: G. J. Bridges

MacDonell was founded in 1919 by Misses Ella Hooper and Laura White, as a French Mission School. Next, the center concentrated on educating Indian Children until 1953, when MacDonell began serving children from broken homes

The purpose now reads: 1) "to provide twenty-four hour day care, education (in the Houma public schools), Christian nurture, study, and treatment of neglected, dependent children in need of care outside their own homes; 2) to insure that all children admitted received the best possible care in a Christin environment; and 3) to work in partnership with parents and children to strengthen family ties and assure the child his right to his own family.

To this end all professional services shall be arranged for or by MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services, Inc."

As the children leave the Center, services to both children and their parents continue as needed.

Louisiana Women Elected to General Boards of Church

Mrs. Amy Ward

Rev. Carole Cotton-Winn

Mrs. Nancy M. Carruth

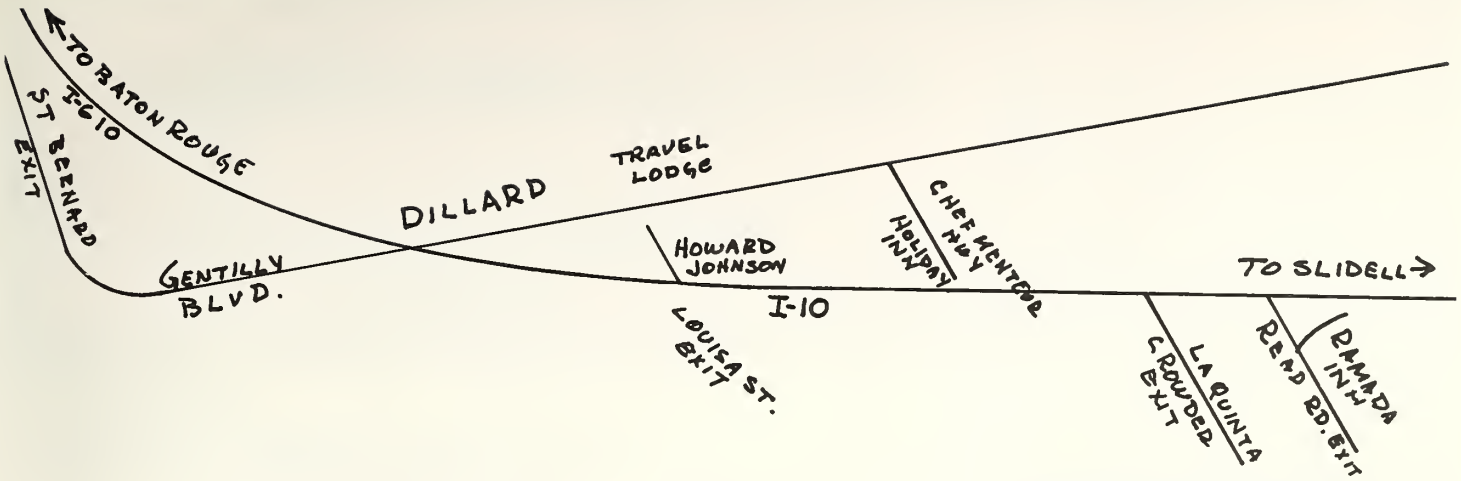
At the recent meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction in Little Rock, Arkansas, nominees were elected from this jurisdiction to serve on the General Boards of The United Methodist Church. Three women from the Louisiana Conference were elected. Mrs. Amy Ward of New Orleans, the immediate Past President of the Conference United Methodist Women, was elected to serve on the General Board of Global Ministries. The Reverend Carole Cotton-Winn, co-pastor of First United Methodist Church, Houma, was chosen to serve on the General Board of Discipleship. Mrs. Nancy M. Carruth of Bunkie, Conference Secretary of Publicity-Public Relations for the United Methodist Women, was elected to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. All three attended General Conference of the church in Indianapolis as well as the Jurisdictional Conference.

Our beloved Elizabeth McGowan has been greatly honored with the naming of the new Dining Hall at MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services, after her. The dedication of this new facility will take place in Houma, Louisiana, on Sunday, September 14, from 2-4 P.M. Many of you will want to attend this event and share with Elizabeth in this honor, so richly deserved.

1980 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION HUGE SUCCESS!!!

As we 'go to press,' we congratulate Amy Ward and ALL the fine staff and leadership of the 1980 School of Christian Mission for another very successful School. Approximately 300 women from all over the state attended during the week of the two schools. Studies for the new year were very capably presented by Dr. John Holbert, Dr. Nancy Carter Goodly, Mrs. Tena Hemphill, Mrs. Leora Trice, Mrs. Ardelia Scott, Mrs. Estelle Dameron, and Mrs. Mary Lou Blakeman. Special Emphasis on Mission Education was ably led by Mrs. Inez Chrisentery.

Plan NOW to attend next year's School, July 21-24, & 24-26!



HOUSING FOR CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

September 19-20, 1980

DILLARD UNIVERSITY,
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

1. Ramada Inn: 10100 I-10 Service Road
   New Orleans, Louisiana 70127
   Phone: 1-800-228-2828
   Cost: $32.00-----4 in room
   24.00-----2 in room
   20.00-----1 in room
   Reservations required one month in advance (Pre-payment helpful)

2. LaQuinta: 8400 I-10 Service Road
   New Orleans, Louisiana 70127
   Phone: 1-800-531-5900
   Cost: (IF PREPAID BY SEPT.1)
   $33.00-----4 in room
   26.00-----2 in room
   20.00-----1 in room
   (IF NOT PREPAID)
   40.00-----4 in room
   30.00-----2 in room
   26.00-----1 in room

3. Holiday Inn East Highrise
   6234 Chef Menteur Hwy. No.70126
   Phone: 1-800-238-8000
   Cost: $45.00-----4 in room
   42.00-----2 in room
   37.00-----1 in room

4. Travel Lodge: 5035 Chef Menteur Hwy.
   New Orleans, Louisiana 70126
   Phone: 1-800-255-3050
   Cost: $42.00-49.00-----2 or 4 in room
   41.00-----1 in room

5. Howard Johnson: 4200 Old Gentilly Road, New Orleans, Louisiana 70126
   Phone: 1-800-654-2000
   Cost: (IF PREPAID BY SEPT. 1)
   $35.00-----4 in room
   29.00-----2 in room
   22.00-----1 in room
   (IF NOT PREPAID)
   $57.00-----4 in room
   47.00-----2 in room
   31.00-----1 in room

NOTE: All of these rooms are reserved in the name of United Methodist Women. With that identification, the group rate applies. But ONLY prior to the dates indicated.

REGISTRATION

This registration card should be returned to:

Mrs. LaVerne Arthur
3013 Ridgeway
Metairie, Louisiana 70002

Registration for everyone is $3.00. Friday evening dinner will be $7.00. Everyone is invited to attend this, but reservations must be made by September 8. No refunds can be made after September 8, but alternates may be substituted. If you wish to take the Bus Tour of our two projects, be sure to indicate this and include your $2.00 fee for the bus, also. Send your money for Registration, Dinner, and Bus Tour (Optional) when the Registration Card is returned. Make check payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 1980

Name _____

Address _____

Delegate _____ Non-voting Member _____

Church _____ City _____ District _____

Office Held _____ Number in Local Unit _____

Address During Meeting: Motel _____

Registration: $3.00 ☐ Dinner: $7.00 ☐ Bus Tour: $2.00 ☐

Amount of Check _____

NOTICE!!!

At the close of the first School of Christian Mission A PILLOW, 2 SHEETS, A BED SPREAD were put on the New Orleans bus by mistake! If you know to whom they belong, please notify Mrs. Carl Gallaher, P.O. Box 24193, New Orleans, La. 70184, or call (504) 488-5048 and these will be returned. THANK YOU.

Our Conference Historian, Mrs. Jack Winegeart has a NEW mailing address: 161 Lee Avenue
DeRidder, LA 70634

Please make note of this. She also announces that the 1928 HISTORIES in the Conference Files were listed in the February "United Methodist Women Newspaper." Only nine units have sent requests. Copies of these local Histories are still available at 15c per sheet, plus postage. Please send request for your unit's history to Mrs. Winegeart.

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Mrs. Willie Harris (Olivia)
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Baton Rouge, LA 70807

MAKE PLANS NOW FOR THESE DATES

CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

1981 RETREAT

March 27 -- 29

Methodist Seashore Assembly
Biloxi, Mississippi

If you participated in the 1979 Retreat, you remember what an experience that was and you will want to block out these dates now. If you missed that one, don't let that happen to you again. There will be more about this in our first newspaper of 1981, but keep these dates!!

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"Journey Into Newness"

MRS. ESTELLE DAMERON
Leader for Retreat

MRS. AUDREY MILO
Director of Music and Worship

"Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has passed away, behold, the new has come."
(II Corinthians 5:17)

Using this theme scripture, your Task Group has planned a Retreat for the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women. It will be held March 27-28-29 at the Seashore Methodist Assembly, Biloxi, Mississippi.

Mrs. Estelle Dameron will be the leader. She is well known throughout Louisiana as she has served as Conference President of the Women's Society of Christian Service, a member of the General Board of Missions, and has taught in several Schools of Christian Mission. She has also held office in local and state Church Women United. Mrs. Dameron is a native of Baton Rouge, a graduate of Louisiana State University and has studied at Scarritt College and the Iliff School of Theology. She is the widow of the late Rev. G. W. Dameron. She resides in Pineville, where she is an active member of her local church.

Mrs. Audrey Milo will be the director of music and worship. Audrey is the immediate past Conference Coordinator of Christian Personhood and has led the music and worship in several Schools of Christian Mission. She also has served on the Nominating Committee of the State Board of Church Women United. She is a native of Georgia and received degrees from Fort Valley State College and Louisiana State University. Her husband, the Rev. Howard L. Milo, is the pastor of the Fairfield United Methodist Church in Shreveport. Audrey is the pianist- director of the young adult choir and teaches in the Church School. She is the Executive Director of the Allendale Branch YWCA in Shreveport.

This will be an opportunity for you to leave the stress and striving and enter into the presence of God in a new way--seeking: self-discovery, spiritual growth, inspiration, challenge, renewal and rededication.

Mrs. Norma Winegeart shows Mrs. Fran Hall, Conference Secretary, advance publicity on the Conference Retreat

Mrs. Winegeart is serving as Chairperson of the 1981 Conference Retreat. She is also the Conference Historian and is well qualified for the work she has undertaken. Norma is the wife of the Rev. Jack Winegeart, minister of the First United Methodist Church of DeRidder.

Following a very meaningful Conference Retreat in the Spring of 1979, plans were immediately begun for another such opportunity for the women of our Conference. Again, because of space, there will be a necessary limit to those allowed to attend, so please register NOW so that you will not be disappointed.

When you register, four booklets will be mailed to you. Please read these in preparation for the Retreat and bring them with you for use in the Reflection Groups.

Bring with you a notebook and your Bible, preferably a translation-RSV, TEV, KJV, or NEB-(rather than a paraphrase). If you have one, bring your copy of "Sisters and Brothers Sing!" Bring any special books of inspiration for your own use. Some books will be available to buy.

Be sure to bring comfortable clothes and shoes suitable for walking on the sandy beach.

REGISTER NOW! ! ! ! There will be a strict limit of 150. Substitutions may be made, but there will be no refunds after March 13.

RETREAT TEXTS

When you register, you will receive these booklets in the mail. Please read them and bring them with you for use in the Reflection Groups.

From the Great Devotional Classics Series:

"A Testament of Devotion" by Thomas R. Kelly

"Selections from the Writings of Evelyn Underhill"

"Selections from the Writings of William Temple"

"12 Steps to a Happy and Successful Life" by Norman Vincent Peale

Other books will be available for purchase in the Book Room at the Retreat.

RETREAT SCRIPTURES

Scriptures to be used during the Depth and Encounter Study of the Bible and in the small group Bible Study:

II Corinthians 5: 17-20a

Romans 6: 1-4

Colossians 3: 8-11

Galatians 2: 19-20

5: 22-25

6: 13-15

Ephesians 4: 22-24

MEMBERSHIP EMPHASIS CONTINUES

As this new year begins, one of the most satisfying responsibilites I have is to address this letter to you as your Louisiana Conference Membership Chairperson. Our shared experiences this past year, working in membership together, give me great expectations for this year.

"Membership Month: March 1981" is nearly here. Packets developed by the 1980 Conference Membership Committee were distributed to each local unit beginning at 1980 Conference Annual Meeting. The District Membership Chairpersons have been responsible for continuing the distribution of the packets. If your unit does not have a "Membership Month: March 1981" packet, please contact your District Membership Chairperson.

"Membership Month: March 1981" packet details the activities and programs your unit can present during March to emphasize membership. The Conference Membership Committee is asking each unit to participate in this "Share Your Umbrella" program. It is our attempt to help you address a major concern you have shared with us.

We would also hope that you would celebrate Sunday, March 15 as "United Methodist Women Day" with some presentation during the worship services. It need not be an elaborate presentation to be effective, but just being visible before the church congregation in such a setting will be a positive method of witnessing for Christ.

Since this program idea is such a new means of working with you, it is vital for you to fill out the evaluation sheet included in the packet and send it to me. Please send the evaluation to:

Mrs. Mary Lou Blakeman
3561 Rue Mignon
New Orleans, Louisiana 70114

Send it before April 15, 1981.

The Conference Membership Committee has worked diligently to help you meet the membership concerns of your unit. We sincerely hope that together our efforts will help your unit show an increase in membership and a renewed dedication in your unit.

God Bless You,

Mary Lou Blakeman
Conference Membership Chairperson

GOOD NEWS!!! GOOD NEWS!!! GOOD NEWS!!!

1980 Financial Report is GOOD NEWS!

The total amount collected through the Districts, from local units, to apply to our Conference pledge of $171,000.00, was $191,289.80. This results in an overpayment of $20,289.80. This is certainly a result of much promotion and education on the part of the Conference Mission Team. Just think, at the rate of $27.98 a minute for mission work, how many minutes we in the Louisiana United Methodist Women provided in 1980.

Of course, more money was received by the Conference Treasurer in the form of designated giving. Total receipts from Districts for the year of 1980 totalled $255,354.66. $20,520.00 was kept to help us in our Conference programs---all other went to missions.

Each of the Districts overpaid their pledge. The following is a breakdown by Districts showing the amount of OVER payment and percentage:

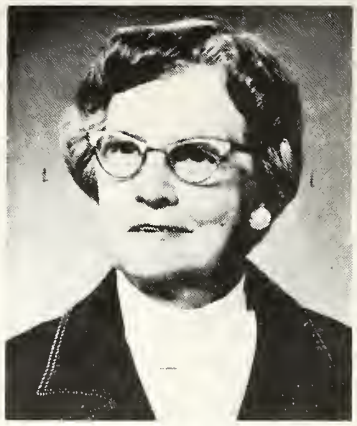
Alexandria	349.98	2% Over
Baton Rouge-Hammond	5907.36	37% Over
Baton Rouge-Lafayette	2609.55	12% Over
Lake Charles	4001.70	15% Over
Monroe	1889.88	10% Over
New Orleans-Houma	664.30	3% Over
New Orleans-Slidell	3119.58	17% Over
Ruston	1866.74	9% Over
Shreveport	5704.43	20% Over

As we congratulate ourselves on the fine performance of 1980, we must realize that we still have a job to do. Hopefully all local units are considering the request from the Conference to raise their 1980 pledge by 10% for 1981. Our Conference pledge to Missions for 1981 is $204,450.00. Total amount needed for pledge and Conference Administration and Membership Development is $239,242.25. These are BIG amounts. However, with the dedication to a task that all women of the Louisiana Conference possess, I feel that we will make our pledge in 1981. We cannot 'let up.' People "out there" need us!

Shirley Hoffpauir
Conference Treasurer

Many of you will remember, with much love and admiration, Lois Kohler, who served as Regional Staff Member for our area until her retirement in 1980. Never one to 'sit and do nothing', Lois has undertaken a whole new area and is now working in Nigeria. The following is a letter received from her detailing some of her many new activities. We thought it so interesting, we are publishing it in this paper. Many of you will wish to write to Lois. Her address is:

Mrs. Lois Kohler
P. O. Box 659
Jos, Nigeria



LOIS B. KOHLER

Dear Family and Friends,

I am sitting in the crotch of a very large and, I expect, a very old tree filled with dappled sunlight. This tree was obviously made for sitting--and although it has been a long time since I sat in a tree, it seems quite natural and a real joy! In front of me is (at a guess) a fifteen foot poinsettia tree with only a few blossoms, but it helps to spell Christmas!

Speaking of joy, I find myself delighting in tiny vignettes that have been a part of my life in Nigeria. They are not necessarily typical, but they have remained with me.

A small boy--he might have been as young as five, perhaps as old as seven--carrying on his head a broad flat basket loaded with eggs that he was selling. My jaw must have dropped (did you know that it seems that actually happens?) with the surprise of the fact that such a small boy had been trusted with such fragile items. One of the young men saw my surprise and enjoyed my astonishment. This is a rather typical picture although I have not seen such a young one again--at least, not with eggs.

Another little boy was at the intersection of a busy road. I met him as I was walking home from my radio "engagement" which is every morning except Sunday from 6:55 to 7:10. He was leading(?) a pig by a rope tied to the right hind leg. He was having a difficult time of it. The pig did not seem to know--or care--what was being asked of him. A considerable tug of war ensued. I did not stay to see the outcome, but since they were not there the next morning, I assume the two of them somehow managed to get across the road. Fortunately, there is a traffic cop at that corner.

Another picture was that of a woman weaving grasses into a heavy rope which was amazingly like macrame. Whose was the original idea? Certainly women like her have been doing this for centuries using their ingenuity to make life pleasanter and more interesting.

Now I want to report on the mission activities with the EKAN Muri Church in Nigeria. Shown by everyone is a concern for people even though as always we are each bound about by the "humanness" of our own characters, all those bits and pieces which we do not allow God to redeem. Do you have any trouble with that kind of thing? I must confess that I do.

My own job here in Jos is as the treasurer who receives the money from New York and Germany (the German United Methodist Church is working cooperatively with the EKAN Muri Church in many ways) and dispenses it. That sounds easy, doesn't it? But there are a few complications. I also run errands for those people who are "down bush."

Part of my job is to help the church people learn to account for their money and to budget it so they do not run out after the first quarter. It's a very difficult job because everything is so expensive here. ₦1.00 (naira) is equal to $1.8877 right now by the protected money exchange in Nigeria. What it is worth outside the country I do not know. It takes about twice as many naira to buy most things. This means that those things cost about four times as much as they do in the U.S. For instance, I was looking for a typist chair--and found one for ₦303. This was close to $600 which was too much for a chair.

When we had to replace a water heater, it cost ₦250 or about $480. The coffee I bought was about $12 a pound. Hamburger (or mince meat) is $4 plus a pound. There is no way you can adjust your ideas of cost until you have lived here. You buy less, get along without a lot of things, and appreciate it when something special is available. There are some things which are less expensive here: doctors and drugs especially.

My first big job as the treasurer was to finish last year's books and give them to the auditor who was just auditing the 1978 books when I came. August 1979 was the last month that had been balanced with the checking account. From then on there were a few mistakes and because they had not been found it could never be balanced.

I've also been working on the revision of the accounts so that they will tell me what I want to know. Leora Landmesser, the internal auditor of the World Division, helped me when she was here. I think I have a revision in mind that will make things easier for both me and the auditor. He admits that he has never understood our system.

One thing I am sure of: I have gained an added respect for all the Board of Global Ministries does for us. If every one of the 54 countries in which we have mission work has as many complications as we do, I don't know how the treasurers wade through all of them!

The mail system in Nigeria is a real problem--since some things get lost, others take three or four months to deliver, and others take a reasonable length of time: two or three weeks. Of course, all of the things that are delivered in a short time are Air Mail. If things come by sea (as do most magazines), you expect them to take three or four months.

Our church is in the Bambur, Zing, Jalingo, Lankiviri area, a more or less isolated region (especially in the wet season) where there are still many needs. I'm listing some of the things that the church is involved in doing.

1) A literacy program is ably directed by a Nigerian, Adamu Biyam. Most of the people who work this program are volunteers. Occasionally he has enough money to give them "feedings" which means gifts of food or money for food for their use.
2) Two Christian training schools (one on each side of the river) teach a variety of things: Bible, English (by the way, English is the official language of Nigeria, but many people are not able to take a real part in their own country because they are not proficient in that language), some agricultural techniques, some information about preparing food and about nutrition for the women. One of the schools has 40 students, the other 10. Both have building programs, but when we talk about buildings, we mean smaller, simpler buildings than the kind usually built in U.S.
3) The church itself is emphasizing evangelism spearheaded by four young men who have just finished their education at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria which we help support. TCNN is at Bukuru which is about seventeen kilometers from Jos. It is interdenominational and one United Methodist, Ronald Ray, from Oregon is on the faculty. His wife teaches in the program for spouses. They are using more Nigerians on the faculty now and are finding costs go up when salaries are no longer paid by mission boards.

   The German church has made a grant which helps to pay for the salaries of these four young men involved in the evangelism program.
4) We have two missionaries who are teaching Bible knowledge, one in a government secondary school, Ann Kemper from the Baltimore Conference; one at a government Advanced Teachers College, Charles Benson.
5) Two of our missionaries are in charge of the Agriculture Development Program. The culture and use of soy beans, raising chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs are all being encouraged by them. Growing vegetables of various kinds as well as citrus trees is a part of the program which we hope will lead to more self sufficiency and health.
6) Formerly at Bambur the Mission owned and operated the Guinter Memorial Hospital. Since the government took it over about three or four years ago, things have changed there. At this time there are no longer any doctors or nurses who are from our mission--or any other. We are now putting our time and energy into the Rural Health Program which is building dispensaries in a number of small communities. The dispenser is rather like a paramedic and does a variety of things including the very valuable and important task of dispensing preventive drugs.
7) We have a plane which flies patients, school children and young people, church personnel to meetings, etc., etc. We charge for these services, of course. In fact, most of the programs have charges but it is impossible for them to pay their own way, especially with inflation.

   The pilot has been ill for more than a week now, and we are feeling "lost" without his vital help in communications. All our mail is taken by him to the rural area. We do have the radio with which we keep in touch with each other, four different stations receive and send messages down bush, one in Jos. We are not in the business of communicating the gospel by radio--just sending messages. That's how I find out that someone wants me to buy a clutch plate for a Honda 50 or a master cylinder for a Landrover or wants me to order 50 planks 1" x 12" planed or two doors that will be used to replace the ones that are termite-ridden, or to buy 140 Hausa Bibles, the new translation, or five Bibles with leather covers and zippers.
8) In Jos there are two United Methodist missionaries who are at Hillcrest School: Lois Schmidt from California, who teaches fifth grade and Florence Walter from Kansas who is the nurse at the school.

Speaking of termites, as I was a few paragraphs ago, I must say that we are not plagued by bugs as much as I thought we would be. I guess I envisioned wall to wall bugs. Except for the ants, in Jos bugs seem to come in about the same quantities as they do in the U.S.

Life is truly interesting to me here. God is very real--as He is everywhere. We depend upon Him: we try to serve Him; we love Him. I love each one of you--and covet the continuance of our relationship. Looking forward to Christmas, I realize how much Jesus Christ has to do with our understanding of what a loving, forgiving, understanding relationship should be.

Some of you have asked what I need, Except for some impossible to get items like panty hose and walking shoes, I'm in good shape. My pensions are all coming and as usual I have more than I need. Our mission needs many things because money does not go far. Did you know Lagos in Nigeria is now supposed to be the most expensive city in the world? Newsweek is the source of that information.

I pray that all of you will have a meaningful Christmas with the joy of a Child who has come at the very center of your celebration.

It is Christmas love that I am stuffing in this envelope: that's the kind that never grows old or weary. Blessings,

/S/ Lois

P.S. Let me thank each one of you who responded to my need for letters by writing. You have no idea how much I appreciated it. Keep them coming and my gratitude will be great! lek

THE METHODIST ASSEMBLY GROUNDS facilities, located on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, are being made available to us by the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Mississippi United Methodist Women and the Leggett Memorial United Methodist Church.

These are motel-type rooms with linens furnished. If you wish, you might bring your own pillow, blanket or pillow for sitting out-of-doors.

ALL RETREATANTS are expected to stay on the Assembly Grounds and eat all meals in the cafeteria. You will want to attend the entire Retreat. Please do not plan any other activities during the scheduled time.

UPON ARRIVAL check in at the Seashore Fellowship Building, between 3:00 and 5:00 o:clock on Friday, March 27th. The Retreat will begin at 5:00 with supper on Friday and will close with lunch on Sunday.

In case of an emergency - the Arlean Hall phone number is (601) 432-1761.

RETREAT HOUSING INFORMATION

ALL RETREATANTS are expected to stay on the Assembly Grounds. There are no accomodations for men. Rooms will be assigned in the order that reservations are received. There is a limit of 150 in attendance. A "waiting list" will be kept if necessary, and you will be notified.

Please indicate if first floor accomodations are needed.

Rooms will be for 3 or 4 persons each. The rooms for 4 share two beds and one bath. The rooms for 3 have three beds, but share the bath with another room of three.

FILL IN and clip the Housing Form and mail it to:

Mrs. Ola Fisher
P. O. Box 686
Clinton, Louisiana 70722

HOUSING FORM

'81 RETREAT

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone No. including area code _____

Church _____

City _____

District _____

☐ First floor accomodations needed

Names of roommates requested:
(Check with them first!)

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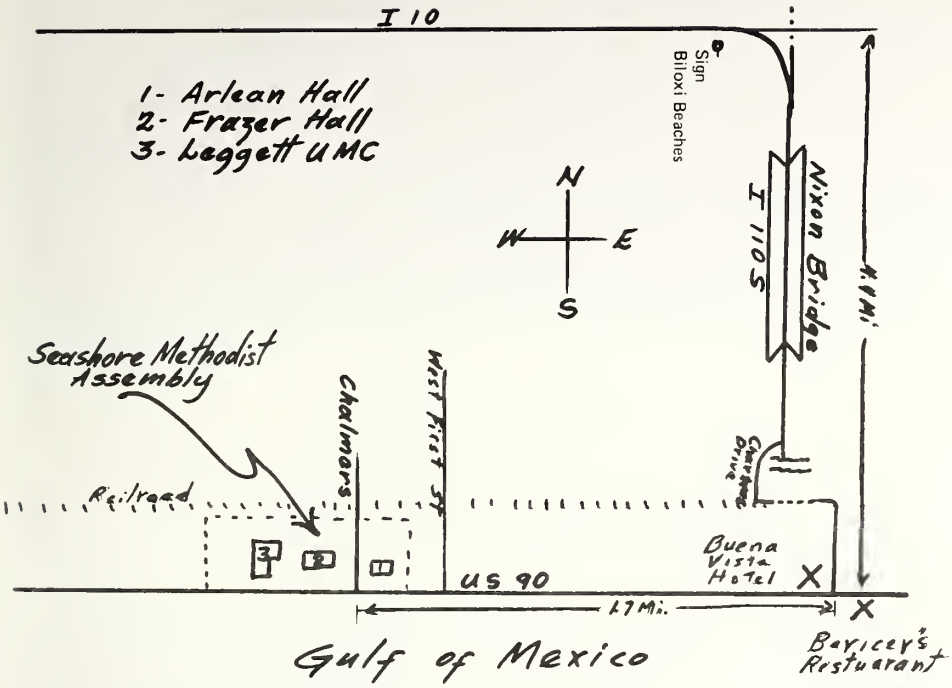
DO NOT MAIL ANY MONEY WITH YOUR HOUSING FORM

MAIL YOUR CHECK TO THE REGISTRAR



Map of Biloxi Area to Seashore Methodist Assembly

REGISTRATION FORM

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

'81 RETREAT

Seashore Methodist Assembly, Biloxi, Mississippi

MARCH 27 - 28 - 29

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone No. including area code _____

Church _____

City _____

District _____

☐ Retreat at Biloxi - check enclosed for $49.00

☐ Individual Retreat at Home - check enclosed for $4.00

DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING AND FOR REFUNDS IS MARCH 13

RETREAT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register for the '81 RETREAT, fill in the following form, clip it and mail it, along with your check in the amount of $49.00. Make your check payable to: Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, and mail check and form to:

Mrs. Fred Barr
200 Fairfield Drive
Ruston, LA 71270

The $49.00 you send will be for lodging for two nights, 6 meals in the cafeteria (beginning with supper on Friday and going through lunch on Sunday), 4 booklets, travel insurance and a share in the total expenses.

Upon receipt of your registration fee, you will be sent the selected booklets for your reading and reflection prior to the Retreat.

"AT HOME RETREATANTS"

If you are unable to attend the Retreat, but would like to participate, a plan has been devised for your involvement at home. Materials and instructions will be mailed to you. Also, you will be remembered through intercessory prayer at the Retreat.

Check the box, "Individual Retreat at Home" and mail your check in the amount of $4.00, along with the Registration form to:

Mrs. Fred Barr
200 Fairfield Drive
Ruston, LA 71270

RETREAT PERSONNEL

The Task Group for the '81 Retreat was appointed by the Committee on program of the Conference United Methodist Women and consisted of the following:

Norma Winegeart, Chairperson
Mary Adele Compton, Co-Chairp'n.
Estelle Dameron, Director
Audrey Milo, Co-Director
Mary Margaret Barr
Mary Lou Blakeman
Helen Brock
Margaret Bryan
Ola Fisher
Annette Fortuna
Sara Fugler
Gloria Harrison
Janet Hoffpauir
Shirley Hoffpauir
Mabel McGuire
Vera Packer
Jerrie Rainey

Special Thanks

Nancy Carruth, Publicity
Evelyn Evans, Printing

RETREAT TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION will be the responsibility of the individual. We strongly urge that you get together with others from your church, your sub-district or your District. Where possible, you might use church vans. Start organizing your group today!

LOOKING AHEAD!!

Two Other Important Dates You Will Need On Your Calendar

In subsequent issues of your Conference Newspaper you will receive more detailed information on these, but plan NOW to attend both of these important events!

Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission

Centenary College — Shreveport, Louisiana

School I July 21-24

School II July 24-26

Mrs. Amy Ward, Dean

Mrs. Johnnye Butler, Assistant Dean

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting

First United Methodist Church

Monroe, Louisiana

September 18-19

Mrs. Wanda DeCordova, Chairperson Annual Meeting Program

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"Biblical Mandate: MISSION"

School of Christian Mission - 1981

Amy Ward
Dean of the School

"Biblical Mandate: MISSION," is the theme for the school of Christian Mission and your School Committee has secured another outstanding faculty so this year's school will be one of the best. The theme will be developed through two special sessions dealing with "The Biblical and Theological Basis for Mission," led by the Rev. William Couvillion, and "Strengthening the Organization of United Methodist Women through Leadership Development in the Local Unit," led by Mrs. Estelle Dameron. Everyone will participate in the study of "Isaiah 40-55," led by Dr. John Holbert, and also have the choice of one other study under an excellent teaching staff.

The schedule includes a first night festival, more time for quiet or study, a special time for the Music Interest Group, featured A.V.'s of the day, and visiting the Program Resource Room or the Resource Learning Center. First-timers will be welcomed at an orientation session at the beginning of each school.

Each participant is strongly urged to secure and read the study material before the school. You will receive greater benefit from the classes and have more time to enjoy the special features of the school.

The school committee unanimously recommends that the offering be designated for the "Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund." I know you will welcome this opportunity to participate. Your unit may want to send a special offering to honor Estelle in this manner. The school has always been close to her heart.

Your address on campus will be:

James Dormitory
P. O. Box 4188
Centenary College
Shreveport, LA 71104

The telephone is **(318) 869-5313.** It is necessary to bring your bed linens, blanket, pillow, towels and soap. All rooms are air-conditioned. You will want to arrive in time to register and have lunch before the opening session at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 21. The weekday school closes at 12:00 on Friday, July 24 and lunch is NOT included in the meal ticket. The weekend school begins with the evening meal at 5:00 P.M., Friday, July 24. followed by the opening plenary at 6:00 P.M. You will need to register before the evening meal. The school concludes at 12:00 on Sunday, July 26, and lunch is NOT included in the meal ticket.

Let's all seriously consider attending the School of Christian Mission and let's have each unit represented. Take advantage of the new conference scholarships and district scholarships offered. The School of Christian Mission is the primary setting for mission education in The United Methodist Church and ALL members are urged to attend. Plan NOW to be a part of this 1981 Mission Experience!!

Amy Ward
Dean--1981

Johnnye Butler
Assistant Dean

The Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women's Executive Committee is pleased to announce a new conference wide program which we hope will be of great interest to you: The Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarships. We are excited about this program for two very special reasons:

1) Mrs. G. W. Dameron (Estelle), is one of this conference's most beloved members and we would like to dedicate these scholarships to her. Ten yearly scholarships of $50.00 each will be awarded. Mrs. Dameron has served in many capacities to strengthen, nurture, educate, and otherwise guide our conference. She has gone "above and beyond" the call of duty to the command. . ."do this as oft as you shall for my name's sake." It is with the utmost love, affection, and deepest humility for all Estelle has contributed that we name these scholarships in her honor.

2) There are several areas of our conference program where a critical need is felt by the executive committee. One of these needs is providing opportunites for women to attend School of Christian Mission who might otherwise not consider the possibility of attending.

The criteria for application for one of the ten scholarships is a willingness to attend either the week-day or week-end school. She can be young, single, employed, a mother, retired, a student, from a small or large unit. If you know of someone in your unit who might be interested, please discuss it with her and send her name to me.

An application was sent to each unit but if you have not received one, please use the form below. Do take action today. What a shame it would be if we have a scholarship and no one to take advantage of it!

Mrs. Mary Lou Blakeman
3561 Rue Mignon
New Orleans, LA 70114

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

District_____ Unit_____
Unit Membership_____
Name of Applicant_____
Address_____
_____

Applicant has____ has not____ attended Conference School before
Applicant's age grouping is:
Under 35____ 36-50____ 51 & above____
Applicant's employment status is:
Full time____ Part time____ Retired____
Student____ Homemaker____
Age of Children: Pre-school_____
School_____ Not at home_____
TO BE FILLED IN BY APPLICANT:
(On separate sheet)
I would like to attend the School of Christian Mission because_____

PURPOSES AND GOALS OF STUDIES

ISAIAH 40-55

The context of this study is the experience of exile. For Israel this was not only a time of geographic dislocation, but a time when her accepted social, political and religious patterns were thrown into confusion. Many voices, both secular and religious, are suggesting that we live at the beginning of such a period ourselves. Our time may be one in which we experience what it means to be strangers and exiles in a world where many of our trusted institutions and patterns of meaning have been thrown into confusion. In a time of exile the task of the community of faith is to ask, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" The prophet of Isaiah 40-55 becomes for us, as he was for Israel, a great resource since he truly sang the Lord's song to the exiles in a most beautiful and compelling way.

EUROPE: DIMENSIONS OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

To help North American Christians enlarge their vision of mission through a study of expressions of Christian discipleship in European society.

PARTNERS IN PLURALISM: CULTURAL DIFFERENCES AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY

To enable North American Christians to understand the realities of our cultural experiences and how they shape our perceptions, to move toward accepting ourselves and others, and to explore what faithfulness to the Gospel requires of us as we respond to the challenges of a pluralistic society and interdependent world.

LIST OF TEXTS

"ISAIAH 40-55"

'Singing the Lord's Song' by Bruce C. Birch $1.50

"EUROPE"

'Must Walls Divide?' by James E. Will $3.75
'Europe Dimensions: A Study Guide' by Carole Francis $3.95
'Be Eager to Maintain the Unity of the Spirit in the Bonds of Peace' by Wilhelm Nausner $2.00
'Map 'n' Facts: Europe' $3.25

"PARTNERS IN PLURALISM"

'Traveling Light' by William McClain $3.75
'Partners in Pluralism Study Guide' by Jackie Smith $2.95
'In Accord-Let Us Worship' by Justo & Catherine Gonzales $3.95

DON'T FORGET! ! !

Certificates for Excellence of Studies are awarded at School of Christian Mission to units who have met the requirements in at least TWO of the studies. Be sure you have secured a form from your District Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns, filled it in and returned it to her so that your unit will be among the MANY units honored this year.

Mrs. Audrey Milo
Music and Worship

Mrs. Eleine Phillips
Audio-Visuals

Once again we are privileged to have fine leadership in these two areas of our school. Eleine Phillips comes to us from Kansas for her third year, to present our Audio-Visual work. She has done this in District, Conference and Regional Schools and very graciously brings her own equipment. Eleine is presently serving as Wichita District Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement and is on the committee for Church and Society. She will provide very able presentations in an area of much importance.

Audrey Milo needs no introduction to the women of the Conference, having capably served in many areas, including Conference Coordinator of Christian Personhood, music and worship leader in several Schools of Christian Mission and, most recently, in the Conference Retreat. She is presently serving as a member of Church Women United Nominating Committee of the State Board. She is Executive Director of the Allendale Branch YWCA in Shreveport.

You are asked to bring a copy of "Sisters and Brothers Sing" (if you have one). This is the songbook we will be using.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

MIDWEEK SCHOOL JULY 21-24, 1981 — **WEEKEND SCHOOL JULY 24-26, 1981**

TUESDAY, JULY 21	WEDNESDAY, JULY 22	THURSDAY, JULY 23	FRIDAY, JULY 24	SATURDAY, JULY 25	SUNDAY, JULY 26
	7:10 A.M. Worship 7:30 A.M. Breakfast	7:10 A.M. Worship 7:30 A.M. Breakfast	7:10 A.M. Worship 7:30 A.M. Breakfast	7:10 A.M. Worship 7:30 A.M. Breakfast	7:10 A.M. Worship 7:30 A.M. Breakfast
8:30 - 12:00 Registration James Dorm Visit: Program Resource Room Resource/Learning Center	8:00 - 9:15 Gathering 9:15 Break 9:30 - 12:00 Isaiah	8:00 - 9:15 Gathering 9:15 Break 9:30 - 12:00 Isaiah	8:30 - 10:30 Class 10:30 Break 10:45 - 12:00 Isaiah Closing Midweek School Closes	8:30 - 10:30 Class 10:30 Break 10:45 - 12:00 Biblical Mandate: MISSION	8:30 - 9:30 Class 9:30 Break 9:45 - 12:00 Isaiah Closing Weekend School Closes
12:00 LUNCH	12:00 LUNCH	12:00 LUNCH	WEEKEND SCHOOL OPENS	12:00 LUNCH	
1:00 - 2:15 Gathering 2:15 Break 2:30 - 4:30 Isaiah	1:00 - 2:00 Quiet/Study Time 2:00 - 2:45 Music Interest Group or Resource/Learning Center Program Resources A.V.'s 3:00 - 5:00 Class	1:00 - 2:00 Quiet/Study Time 2:00 - 2:45 MIG or R/LC PR A.V.'s 3:00 - 5:00 Class	2:00 - 4:00 Registration James Dorm Visit: Program Resource Room or Resource/Learning Center 4:30 - 5:00 1st Timer Orientation, James Dorm	1:00 - 3:30 Isaiah 3:30 Break 3:45 - 5:00 Gathering	GATHERING Kilpatrick Auditorium Smith Building PROGRAM RESOURCE ROOM Centenary Room North Cafeteria RESOURCE/ LEARNING CENTER South Cafeteria MUSIC INTEREST GROUP James Dorm Lounge A.V.'S Kilpatrick Auditorium Smith Building FELLOWSHIP & FUN Student Union Building
5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER	
5:45 Orientation for 1st Timers James Dorm 6:15 - 8:15 Class 8:30 Fellowship & Fun	6:30 - 8:30 Gathering Biblical Mandate: MISSION 8:45 Community Sing James Dorm	6:30 - 8:45 Gathering Biblical Mandate: MISSION (strengthening the local unit of UMW) Community Sing	6:00 - 7:15 Gathering 7:30 - 9:00 Isaiah 9:00 Fellowship & Fun	6:00 - 8:00 Class 8:15 Community Sing	

ATTENTION!! Each and Every Frau and Fraulein

Get your passports and Duetsche Marks ready! We are going to travel vicariously to Europe with our focal point being the picturesque country of Germany. This tour is scheduled for "Fun Night", July 21 and 24 in the Student Union Building on Centenary campus.

Come to the breath-taking scenery of the Bavarian Alps and enjoy an evening of festivities among people who are known for being thrifty and hard working--yes; also for their love of music, dancing, good food and drinks.

To really feel a part of the people, come dressed in their native costume---a blouse, skirt, apron. You will have a chance to taste such palatable dishes as Limberger, Munister Cheese, Streusel and Bratwurst. Other activities include games, singing and dancing the Polka.

"Sprechem sie Dutsch?" Please don't get lost on the Autobahn.

auf Wiedersehen

Johnnye Butler
Assistant Dean

INTRODUCING 1981 SCHOOL C

for: "EUROPE: DIMENSIONS OF CHRISTIAN MISSION"

Donna Paustian

Donna Paustian is a native of Kansas and currently lives in Arlington, Texas. She is married, has two sons and one grandson. A graduate of University of Texas at Arlington, she has a B.A. in English and has done graduate work at Texas Christian University Brite Divinity School. Mrs. Paustian is active in her local church, serving as an adult church school teacher. She is a certified Lay Speaker and is currently Central Texas Conference Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns. She is on the Board of Directors of Tarrant Area Community of Churches and the Volunteer Center of Arlington. Mrs. Paustian served as a Director of Pupil Enrichment Program, a tutoring service for underprivileged children. She has led District and Conference Spiritual Life Retreats and has taught in several Schools of Christian Mission in the South Central Jurisdiction.

Clarita Dennis

Clarita West Dennis has lived in the Fort Worth area for the last 20 years. She has a B.A. from McMurry College in Abilene, Texas, and a M.Ed. from North Texas State University in Denton, Texas, with teaching fields of history and Spanish. A veteran of 12 years of public school teaching, she currently teaches Spanish and foreign cultures at Bedford Junior High School. She has varied experiences with Schools of Christian Mission as a teacher, assistant dean, and student. Presently, she is Secretary of Publicity for the Central Texas Conference and Chairperson of her local Administrative Board. She enjoys traveling and will spend three weeks of June and July visiting several European countries in further preparation for teaching this course. She is married and has a son and a daughter.

Kathy Henderson

Kathy Henderson is a native of Baton Rouge and received her Bachelor Degree in Vocal Music Education from Louisiana State University; her Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology, Emory University. She is currently pastor of Metairie United Methodist Church, having previously served as Minister of Music and Associate Pastor in other churches. Kathy is a former President of a local U.M.W. and has been the resource person for various workshops and local unit meetings including participating in Communion for the Annual Meeting at Dillard University. She served as Seminar Instructor for Introduction to Preaching course while at Candler; Assistant Director of Candler Choraliers (having directed that group at 1980 General Conference); Preacher for first morning session at 1980 Annual Conference; listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She is currently actively involved in the UMW at Metairie as Pastor, but primarily as a Methodist woman.

William Couvillion

William Couvillion was born in Alexandria, Louisiana, and graduated from Northwestern State University with a B.A. in Social Science and Secondary Education and a M.A. in History. He has done further study at University of Tennessee, University of Georgia, Candler School of Theology and Perkins School of Theology. He has taught in several colleges and universities. William has been a member of the Texas Conference since 1975, and is presently Pastor of Lissie United Methodist Church in Lissie, Texas. He is married to Sally Watson and they have one son. Couvillion has been active in Lion's Club, Emergency Chaplain and Crisis Counselor, Development and Endowment for Students and Faculty of several colleges, Religious Lectures Series Committee of Eagle Lake. He has organized geographic field trips including locations of Methodist heritage and has helped to bring notable theologians into communities to foster Christian learning and growth. He presently serves as Secretary of the Conference Communication Committee.

CHRISTIAN MISSION TEACHERS

for: "PARTNERS IN PLURALISM"

Eula B. Johnson

Eula B. Johnson is a native of Tennessee. She was educated in that state and the University of Kansas City. Wife of a United Methodist minister, she is a member of Central United Methodist Church. Her accomplishments are many, having served as both a District President and Conference Vice-President; also on Missouri West Conference Committee on Nominations. Presently, she is President of her local unit. Her activities take her beyond the United Methodist Church as she has served with Church Women United; Friends of Art; National Council of Negro Women; Naturalization Council of K.C.; WICS; and Truman Hospital Auxiliary. Mrs. Johnson has traveled in the Middle East and has taught for many years in Conference Schools of Christian Mission.

J. LaVon Wilson

J. LaVon Wilson was born in Springfield, Illinois, and received her B.S. in Music Education from Lincoln University in Missouri; her M.A. in Ethnic Humanities from Sangamon State University. She returned to Springfield where she and her husband reared two sons. She is employed at the Lincoln School multicultural staff development center as a teacher specialist. She previously taught music and humanities enrichment. She has served on all levels of work in United Methodist Women and is presently Conference President. Mrs. Wilson was a delegate to the North Central Jurisdictional meeting and served for two quadrenniums on the General Board of Church and Society. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of National Black Methodists for Church Renewal.

Martha Boyd Watson

Martha Boyd Watson was born in and spent her early years in Arizona. For the last 24 years, she has lived in Denton, Texas. She is married and the mother of four children. Her B.S. degree was received from Teachers College, Columbia University. Mrs. Watson currently serves in her local church as President of U.M.W. and Lay member of Annual Conference. She has just completed two quadrenniums on the General Council on Ministries and was a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 1972 and 1976. Martha has served her own Conference as Dean of School of Christian Mission and has taught in other schools throughout this jurisdiction.

for: "ISAIAH 40-55"

John Holbert

John Holbert was born in Indiana, then moved with his family to Phoenix, Arizona. It was there he developed a keen interest in both music and sports. He attended Grinnell College in Iowa, majoring in Philosophy. Here he met Diana Brown of Kansas, and they were later married while he was in Perkins School of Theology. He graduated with high honors, then received his Ph.D. in Old Testament in 1975.

He has served as pastor of University United Methodist Church in Lake Charles; Assistant Professor of Religion at Texas Wesleyan College, and is now a Professor of Old Testament at S.M.U.

He and Diana have a son and a daughter. John has done extensive vocal solo work in operas, as well as numerous churches.

"I see myself as a minister of the church, even though at present I am not in the pastoral ministry. My scholarship of the Bible and my music are both intended to enhance the church's life and to enlarge its ministries to the immediate community and to the world."

1981 GOALS
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

I. **ENCOURAGE LOCAL UNITS TO EXPAND THEIR AWARENESS OF OUR BIBLICAL BASIS AND MANDATE FOR MISSION SO THEY WILL HAVE BECOME MOTIVATED TOWARD ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SOME MISSION ENDEAVOR BY DECEMBER 1984.**
1. Include this emphasis in the 1981 School of Christian Mission program. Provide, as a resource, a guideline paper for "Self-Study on the Understanding of Global Mission."
2. Ask each District to include this emphasis in its District Annual Meeting 1981.
3. Request the Conference Executive Committee and District Executive Committees to provide time for a Bible study to interpret this goal.

II. **SENSITIZE LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP TO THE SPECIAL MINISTRIES NEEDED BY WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND THE WHOLE FAMILY, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH WHICH WE AS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MAY SERVE IN SUCH MINISTRIES; THIS GOAL TO BE GIVEN EMPHASIS THROUGH THE QUADRENNIUM AND TO BE IN FULL ACTION BY DECEMBER 1984.**
1. Urge Local Units to use the leaflet "Ministries to Women and Ministries to Children" (free for postage from Service Center).
2. Request District Executive Committees to research the needs of women, children, and the entire family to determine where special ministries are needed.
3. Encourage Local Units to facilitate the development of these needed ministries through regular Church channels such as Council on Ministries, Commission/Work Areas on Christian Social Concerns, a Family Life Coordinator, etc.
4. Encourage Local Units (singly or in clusters) to research and develop a list of services available within the immediate or nearby community to which referrals can be made for special help, with results to be compiled and distributed by District Mission Coordinators for Supportive Community.
5. Encourage Local Units to join with other members of the Local Church as volunteers in community services such as meals-on-wheels, family counseling centers, rehabilitation centers, ministries to persons with handicapping conditions, and newly-developed services.
6. Schedule a Christian Social Involvement Conference Workshop including the emphases of this goal and sponsored by Women's Division - November 1981.
7. Encourage CSI Workshop participants to sponsor a planned event within their Districts by December 1982 to share knowledge, skills and insights gained at the Conference Workshop.

III. **HAVE A CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP IN THE SPRING OF 1982 WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM AT LEAST 72 LOCAL UNITS PARTICIPATING, TO BE FOLLOWED BY APPROPRIATE ACTION BY DISTRICT AND LOCAL UNITS.**
1. Require advance preparation by participants according to guidelines provided by the Committee on Legislative Concerns.
2. Request each District Executive Committee to select a group to be responsible for appropriate follow-up such as mini Legislative Workshop within the District or Sub-District, legislator at District Annual Meeting, a planned visit to the Legislature while in session, this to be accomplished by December 1983.

IV. **ENCOURAGE LOCAL UNITS TO INCREASE THEIR PLEDGE TO MISSION 10% (OR MORE) OVER THEIR 1980 PLEDGE BY DECEMBER 1982.**
1. Continue to inform Local women how their mission dollars are spent and how to prepare budgets.
2. Urge Local Units to use the leaflet "Giving: A Biblical and Theological Perspective" (free for postage from Service Center) prior to making pledges for 1982.
3. Update information on World and National Division projects through the use of "Prayer Calendar", personalized mission stories, and visits with persons in mission.

V. **PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING/GROWING EXPERIENCES IN SEVERAL SPECIFIC AREAS DURING THE QUADRENNIUM.**
1. Encourage attendance at Assembly April 29-May 2, 1982, in Philadelphia.
2. Participate in 1982 School of Christian Mission Scholarship Plan to be developed by the Conference Committees on Finance and Membership.
3. Hold a Conference-wide retreat in 1983.

VI. **ENCOURAGE ONGOING EMPHASIS ON THE FOLLOWING GOALS OF 1980:**
— Communication — Image — Membership — Reading Program — Conference Picture-Slide/Tape Program
— Implementation of "Charter of Racial Justice Policies" — Law of the Sea
— Training for Circle Leaders by Districts at Local Elected Leaders Training

All District Executive Committees and Local Units: You are encouraged to study these Goals carefully and incorporate the parts that are appropriate into your total program, adding your own strategies and implementing the Goals in the ways most effective and helpful for your Districts and Local Units.

Helen F. Brock
Conference Vice President

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you are attending School of Christian Mission, please clip the Registration Card and the Class Enrollment Card printed below, fill in and mail, along with your REGISTRATION FEE ONLY, to the Registrar. The fee is $8.50 for either of the two schools, and applies to every registrant. However, if you plan to attend both schools, the fee will be only $10.00. This includes insurance while on campus and also while traveling from your home and on return trip.

The Bible study, "ISAIAH 40-55", will be presented to everyone this year. You will choose ONE course from the other two studies available at school. Please mark your class enrollment card according to your choice.

You can be refunded your registration fee up until July 7. If you cannot attend, please notify the Registrar and also the Housing Chairperson so that your room may be released for someone else. REGISTER EARLY to assure a room in the dormitory and also your choice of studies.

Your Registrar of School of Christian Mission for 1981, to whom you send the form below is:

Mrs. Fred Barr
200 Fairfield Drive
Ruston, LA 71270

REGISTRATION CARD
Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

School of Christian Mission
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

Check School Attending:
School No. 1, July 21-24, 1981 ( )
School No. 2, July 24-26, 1981 ( )

Name_____

Address_____

_____ Zip_____

Church_____ District_____

Office Held_____

Staying on Campus ( ) No ( )
Telephone No. (Locally), if not staying on campus_____
First time to attend School of Christian Mission ( )

CLASS ENROLLMENT CARD

Check School Attending:
School No. 1, July 21-24, 1981 ( )
School No. 2, July 24-26, 1981 ( )

Name_____

You must have this enrollment card to be admitted to class. It will be at the desk of the Registrar, James Dormitory. Class enrollment cuts off at 30. Register early. check ONE of the studies listed below that you wish to take.

( ) Europe: Dimensions of Christian Mission
( ) Partners in Pluralism

Do you plan to teach this study? Yes ( ) No ( )

To be filled in by Registrar:

Teacher_____ Room No._____ Bldg._____

HOUSING REGISTRATION

Name_____

Address_____

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Church_____

District_____

Room-mate_____
(If possible, send registrations together)

First floor necessary_____

Arriving: Date_____ Time_____

School: Week-Day_____ Week-End_____

Mail to: Lottie Palazzo
2221 Elizabeth Street
Metairie, Louisiana 70003

HOUSING INFORMATION

If you need housing in the dormitory for School of Christian Mission, you will need to fill in the form above and mail it, separately to the Housing Chairman listed above. If you have a preference for a roommate, please indicate on your card, AFTER you have checked with the person you are indicating. Limited space does not allow single occupancy of a room. Please bring your towels, soap, linens, pillow and blanket. The dormitory and classrooms are air-conditioned. Please do not ask us to reserve a room for only one night. This is not fair to those needing rooms for the entire school.

COSTS FOR MEALS AND ROOM

(This is to be paid UPON ARRIVAL; not in advance)

Room per day (double)	$8.00
Meals: Breakfast	2.30
Lunch	2.60
Dinner	3.00

Everyone staying on campus MUST purchase a meal ticket. School I includes Tuesday lunch through Friday breakfast. School II includes Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast.

SCHOOL I	Room	$24.00
	Meal Ticket	23.70
	Total	$47.70
SCHOOL II	Room	$16.00
	Meal Ticket	13.20
	Total	$29.20

STAFF

CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

CENTENARY COLLEGE
July 21-26, 1981

Dean: Mrs. Amy Ward
Ass't. Dean: Mrs. Johnnye Butler
Registrar: Mrs. Mary Margaret Barr
Treasurer: Mrs. Shirley Hoffpauir
Secretary: Mrs. Fran Hall
Housing & A.V.: Mrs. Lottie Palazzo
Courtesy & Local Arrangements: Mrs. Dorothy Thomas
Program Materials: Mrs. Sara Fugler
Music & Worship: Mrs. Audrey Milo
Publicity: Mrs. Nancy Carruth
Resource/Learning Center: Mrs. Margaret Bryan
Evaluation: Mrs. Janet Hoffpauir
Committee Members:
Mrs. Helen Brock
Mrs. Ola Fisher
Mrs. Mary Adele Compton

EDITOR'S NOTE:

As we 'go to press', we are consumed with deep concerns for the world in which we live - a world which can produce the sick minds that would attempt assassination of our President; the murder of helpless children in Atlanta and other cities; the holding of innocent people as hostages. Our inital thoughts are, 'It is a hopeless situation!' But then there comes flooding through, the remembrance of our 'mountain-top experience' of sharing with 149 other very special and wonderful women of the Louisiana Conference in the Conference Retreat at Biloxi, Mississippi. We remember that we "can't die on every cross," but that God is most interested in where I am in my Journey into Newness. My prayer for you, our country and our world is that this Journey is begun. Where are you on your journey?

Nancy M. Carruth

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United Methodist Women

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"Called To Be --- Chosen To Serve"

First United Methodist Church
Monroe, Louisiana

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

September 18-19, 1981

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene in the First United Methodist Church of Monroe, Louisiana, on Friday, September 18, 1981, at 1:00 P.M. Dr. W. Odell Simmons, minister of the church, will welcome delegates and guests along with Mrs. Marie Wilkerson, Local President, and Mrs. Bea Moak, Monroe District President.

Mrs. Wanda de Cordova of Jennings is Chairperson of the Annual Meeting Program and she and her committee have compiled a very informative program. The speaker for the 1981 Annual Meeting will be Mrs. Martha Edens, former General Director of Church Women United.

Left to right: Mrs. Wanda de Cordova, Chairperson, Annual Meeting Program; Mrs. Marie Wilkerson, Local President; Mrs. LeVerne Riddle, Chairperson, Local Arrangements.

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

All United Methodist Women are invited to the Annual Meeting, September 18-19, 1981, to be held at First United Methodist Church, Monroe. Registration will be from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon.

United Methodist Women in the Monroe District will furnish lunch on Friday and Saturday, and juice, coffee and rolls on Saturday morning — all at no cost to the meeting participants. We appreciate the hospitality of these women, as well as the local group, which is preparing for us.

The voting membership (delegates) will be composed of the following persons: members of the conference executive committee; district officers; presidents and chairpersons of the former Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds of the former conferences A and B, and their predecessor organizations.

Local units shall be represented at the annual meeting on the basis of one delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof, providing that every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership shall be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the Conference President 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. (Standing Rules of the Conference Organization).

This year's Annual Meeting has a Christian Personhood emphasis designed to promote our personal growth and spiritual renewal. Our speaker, Martha Edens, is nationally known for her vivacious and thought-provoking presentations.

I hope that you'll join us in Monroe.

Janet Hoffpauir
Louisiana Conference President

The election of officers and changes in the Constitution and Bylaws will take place at Annual Meeting and are herein presented to you for your consideration:

NOMINEES

President
Nell (Mrs. Cecil) Read
P. O. Box 71
Farmerville, LA 71241

Secretary
Evelyn (Mrs. Sidney B.) Evans
100 St. Clair Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457

Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns
Anne (Mrs. J. Woodrow) Hearn
3857 N. Bluebonnet
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Secretary of Program Resources
Mrs. Sara Fugler
P. O. Box 144
Greensburg, LA 70441

Chairperson, Committee on Membership
Fran (Mrs. Chris) Hall
1641 Avondale Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Chairperson, Committee on Nominations
Irene (Mrs. J. R.) Sandel
4227 Aspen Court
Pineville, LA 71360

Members, Committee on Nominations
Dorothy (Mrs. Irvin) Abraham
601 N. Cherry
Lake Charles, LA 70601

Patty (Mrs. Robert) Lindsey
278 Carrolton
Shreveport, LA 71105

Judy (Mrs. Durwood) McFarland
Rt. 1, Box 10
Downsville, LA 71234

Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules

Reference Code: La. refers to the Louisiana Conference Bylaws and Standing Rules Booklet, 1978

Changes, except for deletions, are underlined

The Committee recommends the following amendments to the Conference Standing Rules for the Organization of United Methodist Women in Louisiana:

La., pg. 32 — Other Leadership

1. There shall be a Conference Historian, to be appointed, on a two year basis, by the President and confirmed by the Executive Committee. She shall be a member of the Executive Committee without vote.

La., pg. 34

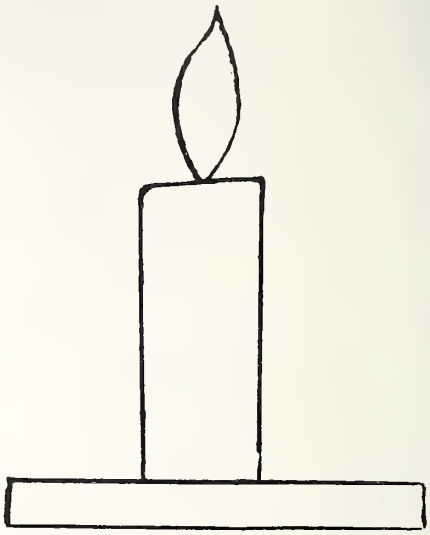
6. There shall be an Editor-Public Relations Coordinator, to be appointed, on a two year basis, by the President and confirmed by the Executive Committee. She shall be a member of the Executive Committee without vote.

La. pg. 35 — Special Membership Recognition, Gifts, Memorials

2. Each year, the President may select, in consultation with the Administrative Committee, a person to be the recipient of a One Hundred Dollar ($100.00) gift to missions through the Special Mission Recognition Plan, the presentation to be made at the session of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

IN HONOR

IN MEMORY



We plan to light our "Mission Candle" at Annual Meeting again this year. This time we will burn the candle "In Honor" or "In Memory" of members and friends with the money going towards our Pledge to Missions. We will have the names displayed in a book at Annual Meeting, and we will snuff out the candle when the time and money are consumed. Send this money and the names of those remembered to the Conference Treasurer no later than September 10. Let's do as well (or better) than we did in 1980. Last year, we burned the candle for five hours and twenty minutes, with an offering of $8600.00. Costs have risen and now it takes:

$ 28.98 for one minute
144.92 for five minutes
1,739.07 for one hour
41,737.64 for one day

Send your contributions to:
Shirley G. Hoffpauir
Rt. 8, Box 1549
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70605

(Our offering, received on Friday evening of Annual Meeting, has been designated for Food, Land and Justice, our special emphasis for this quadrennium.)

HOUSING

1. **HOLIDAY INN HOLIDOME** — I-20 at Hwy. 165 N
Phone (318) 387-5100 (3 miles to First U. M. Church)

September 18, 1981 — 59 Rooms

Singles $32.50
Doubles . . . . . .36.00 (2 persons)
40.00 (3 persons)
44.00 (4 persons)
plus tax

(Note: The Executive Committee members will be housed here September 17 and 18 — 16 additional rooms [4 to a room])

Will hold two weeks prior to September 17

2. **RAMADA INN** — 1311 Hwy. 165 (South of I-20)
Phone (318) 325-2341 (3½ miles to First U.M. Church)

September 18, 1981 — 40 Rooms

Singles. $30.00
2 Double Beds 4.00
Each Additional Person
plus tax

Motel holding these rooms until September 11

3. **HOLIDAY INN (Midtown)** — 2001 Louisville Avenue
Phone (318) 325-0641

September 18, 1981 — 35 rooms

Doubles. $30.00
For 2, 3 or 4 persons
plus tax

(Note: Request new rooms when reserving)

Motel holding these rooms until September 4

4. **VAGABOND INN** — 2102 Louisville Avenue
Phone Toll Free 800-854-2700

September 18, 1981 — 35 rooms

Doubles (2 beds)
2 persons. $30.00
3 persons. 34.00
4 persons. 39.00
plus tax

5. **TRAVEL LODGE (Downtown)** — 401 Grammont
Phone (318) 325-0621 (3 blocks from Civic Center)

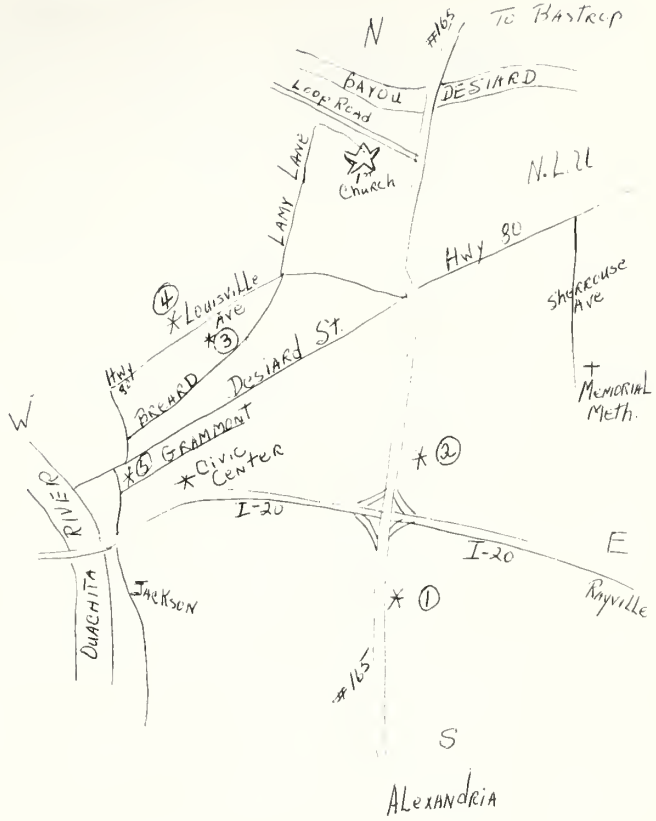
September 18, 1981 — 20 Rooms

1 person $22.50
2 persons. 28.00
3 persons. 32.00
4 persons. 36.00
plus tax

Motel will hold rooms up to 2 weeks prior to September 17

When making your reservations, please indicate

ANNUAL CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



"Called To Be --- Chosen To Serve"

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

For those of you who like to sing, we will again have a Volunteer Choir at Annual Meeting. This has proved a very inspiring part of our meetings and we ask those of you who are interested to be there in time for practice at 11:00 A.M., Friday, September 18. You may ask at Registration for direction to this.

PROGRAM

"CALLED TO BE --- CHOSEN TO SERVE"

Friday, September 18, 1981

12:50 Organ Prelude ..... Mrs. Mary Deckard
Convening of Annual Meeting ..... Mrs. Janet Hoffpauir
Call to Worship ..... Mrs. Helen Brock
Lighting of Mission Candle
Challenge ..... Mrs. Inez W. Chrisentery
Solo ..... The Rev. Lee R. McKinzie
Litany on the Purpose ..... Mrs. Bea Moak
Welcome ..... Dr. W. Odell Simmons
Mrs. Bea Moak
Mrs. Marie Wilkerson
Presentation of Program ..... Mrs. Wanda de Cordova
Local Arrangements ..... Mrs. LeVerne Riddle
Report of the President ..... Mrs. Janet Hoffpauir
Business:
Appointment of Committees
Recommendations from Executive Committee ..... Mrs. Fran Hall
Report of Treasurer ..... Mrs. Shirley Hoffpauir
Presentation and Adoption of 1982 Budget
Report of Committee on Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules ..... Mrs. Mary Adele Compton
Report on Committee on Nominations ..... Mrs. Marcella Tatum
Update of Program Resources ..... Mrs. Sara Fugler
Presentation of Reading Program Certificates
Focus on Membership ..... Mrs. Mary Lou Blakeman
Special Recognition ..... Mrs. Ola Fisher

3:00 District Worship Settings

4:00 Small Groups ..... Conference Officers

5:45 Dinner ..... Monroe Civic Center
Invocation ..... Dr. Douglas L. McGuire

7:45 Organ Prelude
Call to Worship
Evening Prayer ..... Mrs. Ola Fisher
Special Music ..... Chancel and Chapel Choirs
First United Methodist Church
Dr. Edward Deckard, Director
Offertory
Introduction of Speaker ..... Mrs. Lottie Palazzo
"CALLED TO BE: Women Who Are Whole" ..... Mrs. Martha Edens
Benediction ..... Mr. Jack Dew

Saturday, September 19, 1981

8:30 Organ Prelude
Hymn Sing ..... The Rev. Kathy Henderson, Song Leader
Morning Prayer ..... Mrs. Nell Read
Pledge Service ..... Mrs. Shirley Hoffpauir
"Women Who Are Methodist: CHOSEN TO SERVE" ..... Mrs. Martha Edens
Report of Registration
Invitation for Conference Annual Meeting 1982
Call to Assembly of United Methodist Women ..... Mrs. Johnnye Butler
Mrs. Margaret Bryan
Recognition Service ..... Mrs. Amy Ward
Conference Officers and Other Leaders
Newly Ordained Women Clergy and Diaconal Ministers
Installation of Officers ..... The Rev. Kathy Henderson
Organ Meditation
The Sacrament of Holy Communion ..... Dr. W. Odell Simmons
Dr. Douglas L. McGuire
The Rev. Lea Joyner
The Rev. John Sadler
Adjournment

Martha McCarty Edens

SPEAKER FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Martha Edens comes to our Conference Annual Meeting well qualified to speak on our theme, "Called to Be——— Chosen to Serve." She is the wife of a United Methodist minister in Dallas, Texas, and, with him, has served in many areas of this country. A native of Indiana, she moved to Edinburg, Texas, as a child. She graduated, with honors, from the University of Texas and has continued her education through extension courses and professional training workshops and seminars. Mrs. Edens worked for twenty years in Mental Health work in Texas, New York and California and was General Director of Church Women United in the U.S.A. from 1975 to 1980. At the present, she is Executive Director of the Northeast Texas Chapter for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. She has written extensively, some of which can be found in the book, "Images." Recently, Martha assisted with the filming, in Kentucky, of a 40th anniversary celebration of Church Women United. She has traveled widely. When home, she teaches a Church School class and works with youth. Active in United Methodist Women work, Mrs. Edens also loves cooking and sewing and her role as "homewife." We look forward, with much anticipation, to her presence with us as she speaks on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Her messages are entitled, "CALLED TO BE: Women Who Are Whole" and "Women Who Are Methodist: CHOSEN TO SERVE."

††††† DISTRICT WORSHIP SETTINGS †††††

During the Annual Meeting in Monroe, delegates and visitors will be given an opportunity to visit the area where all of the Districts will have set up their own special Worship Settings. These have been in the planning stage since March of this year, under the leadership of the District Presidents. It is felt that these are a meaningful part of Annual Meeting and give wide opportunity for creativeness. The displays are to be developed to interpret the Purpose of United Methodist Women. They are to be card table size and will be placed at advantageous points throughout the meeting areas. The Purpose (with each district's segment underlined) should be displayed on or near each display. Each District Executive Committee will be responsible for setting up and dis-mantling its display. All Districts have been asked to provide, if possible, 500 copies of small mimeographed sketches of the interpretation for pick-up by delegates. The District assignments were as follows:

"To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ"

Alexandria District
Baton Rouge-Hammond District
Baton Rouge-Lafayette District

"To develop a creative, supportive fellowship"

Lake Charles District
Monroe District
New Orleans-Houma District

"To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church"

New Orleans-Slidell District
Ruston District
Shreveport District

Participants are urged to use the time allowed in the program on Friday afternoon to study these worship settings. They should prove helpful to all in their own local units. This is an excellent way to share.

– BUSY TIMES AHEAD FOR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN –

Women of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women have several very important meetings and workshops already on their calendar and we take this opportunity to make you aware of their dates. You will receive further details on them in the future.

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS' TRAINING

Mrs. Nell Read. . . . . .Chairperson
Mrs. Mary Margaret Barr . . . Vice Chairperson

Saturday, October 17, 1981

First United Methodist Church
Pineville, Louisiana

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INTERPRETATION WORKSHOP

Mrs. Johnnye Butler. . . . . Chairperson
Mrs. Marion Eggerton. . . . .Vice Chairperson

November 13-15, 1981

Plantation Manor
Alexandria, Louisiana

WORLD DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Mrs. Anne Hearn. . . . . Chairperson
Mrs. Margaret Bryan . . . . Vice Chairperson

March 25-27, 1982

First United Methodist Church
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

LEGISLATIVE TRAINING EVENT

Mrs. Lou Alexander . . . . . Chairperson
Mrs. Lottie Palazzo. . . . . Vice Chairperson

May 21-22, 1982

Alexandria, Louisiana
(Place yet to be designated)

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Mrs. Margaret Bryan . . . . . .Dean
Mrs. Johnnye Butler. . . . . .Assistant Dean

July 20-25, 1982

Centenary College
Shreveport, Louisiana

COMING

1982 ASSEMBLY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Assembly Theme,

"Christ Our Hope, The Journey Our Life"

Place: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Civic Center

Time: April 29 to May 2, 1982

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND

Contact your Conference President for further details or write the Assembly Business Office.

Coming issues of *Response* will carry Assembly news

Assembly Business Office, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237
(513) 821-5896

Annual Meeting Committee Members worked at School of Christian Mission recently on plans for this event.

Shown at right looking over the program are —

Seated: Mrs. Ola Fisher, Conference Co-ordinator for Christian Personhood; Mrs. Wanda de Cordova, Chairperson, Annual Meeting Program; Mrs. LeVerne Riddle, Chairperson, Local Arrangements.

Standing: Mrs. Bea Moak, Monroe District President; Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd, Coordinator of Food Services; and Mrs. Roy Riser, Registration Chairperson.

REGISTRATION

This registration card should be returned to:

Mrs. George Riser
1410 Forsythe Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71201
Phone: (318) 322-2293

Registration for everyone is $3.00. Friday evening dinner will be $7.00. Everyone is invited to attend this, but reservations must be made by September 8. No refunds can be made after September 8, but alternates may be substituted. Send your money for Registration and Dinner when the completed Registration Card is returned. Make checks payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting.

If you need nursery facilities, please check _____yes, _____age

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 1981

Name_____

Address_____

Voting Delegate_____ Non-voting Member_____

Church_____ City_____ District_____

Office Held_____ Number in Local Unit_____

Address During Meeting: Motel_____

Registration: $3.00 ☐ Dinner: $7.00 ☐

Amount of Check:_____

Note: Please fill in all information requested on above Registration Card and return it to Mrs. Riser no later than September 8, 1981.

RECORD 1981 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Once again, we have experienced a most meaningful time together at Centenary College during School of Christian Mission. Mrs. Amy Ward, Dean of the School, reports that attendance at the two schools was 313. There were 80 first timers attending. Ten women attended under the new program instituted by the Estelle Dameron Scholarship Fund. Several districts also awarded scholarships to the school. The offering received to fund future Dameron scholarships amounted to $1125.00. Participants also answered a special call to an emergency situation at St. Mark's with an additional offering of $400.00. Book sales in the Program Resource Room amounted to $4060.00, so our women have fortified themselves well for study in the year ahead! Studies were ably presented by Dr. John Holbert, Donna Paustian, Kathy Henderson, Clarita Dennis, Ginny Binger, Lavon Wilson, Martha Watson and Margaret St. Amant. Johnnye Butler was Assistant Dean; Estelle Dameron, Special Emphasis; Eleine Phillips, Audio-Visual; Audrey Milo and Helen Brock, Music; Marta Sanfield, Resource; Jerrie Rainey and Maudry Carmouche, Nurses.

From Mary Lou Blakeman, we have received the following letter for inclusion in our newspaper:

Dear Friends:

The tapes of Dr. John Holbert made at School of Christian Mission are being reproduced. The quality of the tapes is not as high as it would have been if we had been able to tape directly from the microphone, but they are of usable quality.

NO MORE ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME! Those of you who ordered your set of tapes at School will be able to pick them up at Conference Annual Meeting at First United Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana, September 18-19. If you are unable to come and you would like someone to pick up your tapes, PLEASE SEND A NOTE OF AUTHORIZATION WITH THEM. If you are not able to get them at Annual Meeting, your set of tapes will be mailed to you as soon as annual meeting is concluded.

We want to thank Mrs. Virginia Burgess and Mrs. Patty Lindsey and their committee of volunteers at First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, for the donation of their time and energy to reproduce these tapes. The Total number of tapes which these women reproduced was 526! Thank you all for making this service available to us.

God Bless,

Mary Lou Blakeman

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United Methodist Women

Volume V, No. 1 January 1982

United Methodist Women Elect New Conference President

Mrs. Nell Read

In September, at Annual Meeting of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, we were challenged by the theme, "Called to Be: Chosen to Serve."

We have accepted the call to be "———a kind of first fruits of His creatures." (James 1:18) Because we are to be recipients of His love, then we are also to be responders to His love through a caring ministry.

This brings us to the second part of our theme. We are chosen to serve in local units, teaching studies, preparing programs, on committees, raising budgets, sharing our witness of who we are as whole persons through Jesus Christ. We are chosen to serve in the district and conference organization where mission comes alive through our interest in social issues of our world, our involvement in leadership development, legislative concerns, hunger, and special ministries to women and children.

As a community of women, let us pray, study, and work together to fulfill this mission task.

Nell Read
Conference President

ANNOUNCING UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY—March 14, 1982

To: All Local Units
All Local Membership Chairpersons

From: Conference Membership Committee
Fran Hall, Chairperson

Subject: UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY–March 14, 1982

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women have scheduled United Methodist Women's Sunday for March 14, 1982. The date has been approved by Bishop Kenneth J. Shamblin and will be included in the Conference calendar. Evaluations from local units indicated that the Sunday Celebration was found to be most helpful in the 1981 Membership Emphasis. (See Mary Lou Blakeman's article on the next page, as reprinted from the November 1981 RESPONSE.)

Following are some suggestions for the 1982 observance:

1. Have United Methodist Women as visible as possible at the Church Service. Consult your Minister concerning participation in the Church Service on that Sunday, then refer to the Council on Ministries concerning details.

2. UMW preside or take part in the Service such as reading the scripture, giving the prayer, leading the responsive reading, etc.

3. Allow one member to give a three to five minute talk on "What UMW Means to Me" or about "UMW" in general. This could include invitation to non-members to join. Sit together during the Service.

4. Present a Special Mission Recognition Pin (during the Service) to your Pastor or to a special member.

5. Secure a woman speaker for the Service.

6. UMW serve as greeters, ushers, and in taking collection during the Service. Pin contrasting identifications (name tags) on members and non-members. Place cards in pews or ask at registration for non-members to indicate interest in becoming a part of UMW. Follow up after Service.

7. Place posters around Church showing involvement and outreach of UMW.

8. Give advance announcement of this Service in Church Paper or Newsletter prior to this Sunday. (Include Purpose of UMW, if possible.)

9. Follow up with your Membership Tea or some form of fellowship at this time that would be helpful. Check your 1981 Membership Emphasis Packet.

10. Use the Conference Committee theme, "Share your light, you will be a blessing." (See Isaiah 42:6-7)

11. Distribute leaflets "Who are United Methodist Women?" and "20 Questions" (free for postage from Service Center).

12. Complete Evaluation form included on the next page of this newsletter, by March 31, 1982, and mail to Conference Membership Chairperson, Fran Hall, 1641 Avondale Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, with a copy to your District Membership Chairperson.*

* Local Units needing further assistance concerning this observance, contact Conference or your own District Membership Chairperson. The District Chairpersons are listed in the next column.

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114 Holcomb Street
Shreveport, LA 71103

EVALUATION FORM – MEMBERSHIP EMPHASIS 1982

(To be filled out by Membership Committee or the Program Committee of the Local Unit and returned to Fran Hall, Conference Membership Chairperson, 1641 Avondale Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, with copy to District Membership Chairperson)

1. Out unit has _____ members. We gained _____ new members in 1981. We lost _____ members in 1981.
2. The idea of UMW Sunday Observance in 1982 was: _____ helpful to us; _____ not helpful to us.
3. Our Unit observed UMW Sunday: ___ No. ___ Yes. It was: ___ helpful to us. ___ not helpful to us.
4. The ideas suggested in the Conference Newsletter by the Conference Membership Committee for this observance were: ___ helpful. ___ not helpful.
5. We used the following suggestions: We participated in the Church Service by (check)– ___ presiding, ___ reading scripture, ___ prayer, ___ led responsive reading, ___ member gave short talk, ___ had woman as main speaker, ___ presented Special Recognition Pin, ___ had greeters, ___ collectors, ___ ushers, ___ name tags, and ___ distributed Service Center Leaflets.
6. Prior publicity was given: ___ Yes. ___ No. Approximately _____ women attended the service. _____ were members. _____ were non members. _____ indicated interest in UMW.
7. Contact was made to all interested women: ___ Yes. ___ No.
8. Other ways our Unit ovserved UMW Sunday _____
9. We used other activities for Membership Emphasis:
   _____ UMW Membership Tea; _____ fellowship following UMW Service
   _____ other activities.
10. We like the Membership Month Emphasis rather than the UMW Sunday observance: ___ Yes. ___ No.
11. Membership Chairperson or representative attended the Local Elected Leaders' Training by District Leaders: ___ Yes. ___ No.
12. Our suggestion (s) for improvement for Conference Membership is (are): List –

MEMBERSHIP EMPHASIS ENHANCES IMAGE

by MARY LOU BLAKEMAN

One of the recurring requests for assistance that has come to the conference from the local units is for membership help. We have sought to provide help for them by having a conference-wide membership workshop, which led to a workshop in each of the districts, articles in newsletters, displays at conference meetings. We felt, however, that a different approach was needed.

The Louisiana conference membership committee decided to have one month of 1981 set aside for the local units to emphasize membership. We designated March 1981 as membership month.

A packet of materials was prepared for use during this emphasis. The district membership chairpersons wrote the material for the packet, which included programs for general and circle meetings, membership activities, poster and name tag ideas and ways to celebrate United Methodist Women's Sunday.

Of all the suggestions included in the packet, the one that the units found most helpful was the Sunday celebration. To be visible as a unit was a unique experience for them and the variety of ways in which the units were visible was exciting.

The impact on the local church's image of United Methodist Women seems to have been in direct proportion to the amount of visibility by the unit during the Sunday service. Those units which were highly visible acquired new members, some enough to start new circles.

Quite apart from any gain in new members were the surprising comments sent to us on the evaluation reports. One unit wrote, "For the first time a woman spoke from our pulpit—what a wonderful experience." Another unit wrote, "What a great feeling for us to be identified as a group. We have always celebrated Woman's Day but this gave us an identity of our own."

Perhaps the most attention-getting comment was, "We didn't get to have a Sunday celebration. Please, let's do this again and maybe we can participate."

The evaluation of the programs showed us that the Sunday's celebration of United Methodist Women's Day was well accepted and very useful. A recommendation went to the conference executive committee to make this a yearly event. Hopefully, by next March all units will be able to schedule activities and presentations as a unit before the church. ■

Ms. Blakeman is immediate past chairperson of Committee on Membership, Louisiana Conference, United Methodist Women.

1982 ASSEMBLY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Assembly Theme,

"Christ Our Hope, The Journey Our Life"

Place: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Civic Center
Time: April 29 to May 2, 1982

The Women's Division calls United Methodist Women to assemble in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 29-May 2, 1982. The theme "Christ Our Hope, The Journey Our Life," focuses attention on the sense of our being a pilgrim people in Christ, aware of our heritage, celebrating the present, and reaching out in faith to the future.

Assembly offers a variety of experiences in plenary sessions and discussions with time for biblical reflection, sharing and hearing stories of personal journeys in faith, celebrating the 100 year history of women organized for mission. Between 8,500 and 10,000 people are expected to answer this call from all parts of this country and around the world where we are in mission.

Those who cannot come, for whatever reason, are encouraged to participate by engaging in study and making intercessory prayer for those assembled. All members can be a part of this event through the Assembly offering. Each local unit is asked to be involved with a gift of money.

Louisiana United Methodist Women are excited about Assembly. More than eighty have already registered. The procedure for those interested is to send your name and complete address to Conference President, Mrs. Cecil Read, P. O. Box 71, Farmerville, Louisiana 71241. Assembly Business Office will then send you registration materials. The fee is $35.00 for registration and you make your own travel plans. The block of rooms at Stadium Hilton reserved for the Louisiana Delegation has already been filled. Other hotels are available, but you are urged to register early. March 15, 1982, is the last day to accept registrations. See Response magazine for additional information.

Assembly happens once every four years. Our coming together, from April 29 to May 2, 1982, gives visibility to our belief that Christ is truly our hope; and makes bold the assurance that Christ is always with us in this journey which is our life. Make plans now to be a part of this adventure!

Nell Read

ASSEMBLY OFFERING

The United Methodist Women actually attending the 1982 Assembly will represent many thousands more who are unable to be present, but who will be there through their prayers and their offerings. This offering will assist women with their pilgrim journey as they risk reaching out toward more self-reliance.

Individuals around the world will be eligible to apply for a grant from this offering. They might be attempting to move on in their life journey through education, starting a small business venture or learning community or political skills. Since each of us has her own life journey, applicants will have different and varying needs.

Grants will not exceed $1000 per person. The offering will be distributed in such a way that 60% of it will be used within the five jurisdictions of the United States and 40% in other parts of the world. Each jurisdiction will receive an equal share.

Every local unit is encouraged to participate with a gift. It should be sent to your DISTRICT TREASURER, specially marked for ASSEMBLY OFFERING. This can be sent with the first quarter report in 1982.

The Conference Treasurer will be asked to bring forward the offering from the Conference during the worship service on April 29th.

Shirley Hoffpauir

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund was established in 1981 with such rewarding results that Conference United Methodist Women are able to offer 20 Scholarships for the 1982 schools, which will be held July 20-23 and 23-25. This will be refunded on a continual basis by Local Units and by designated gifts from individuals. The Membership Committee requested that the Scholarships be offered early in order for persons to apply who might not otherwise consider the possibility of attending. The names of recipients will be announced in the May 1982 "School of Christian Mission" Newsletter.

The criteria for one of the 20 scholarships is a willingness to attend either the week-day or week-end School. Applicant can be young, single, employed, a mother, retired, a student, from a large or small unit. If you know of someone who might be interested, please discuss with her and send her name to: **Fran Hall, 1641 Avondale Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808 by April 26, 1982.**

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

District__________ Unit__________ (New?)_____ Unit Membership__________

Name of Applicant____________________

Address____________________

Applicant has ____ has not ____ attended School of Christian Mission before

Applicant prefers to attend week-day School __________ week-end School __________

Applicant's age grouping is:

Under 35 __________ 36-50 __________ 51 & above __________

Full time _______ Part Time _______ Retired _______ Student _______ Homemaker _______

Age of Children: Pre-school ________ School ________ Not at home ________

TO BE FILLED IN BY APPLICANT:
(On separate sheet)

I would like to attend School of Christian Mission because ____________________

____

Applicant's choice of study: "People of the Pacific" ____________________

"Oneness in Christ" __________, "Hebrews" will be taught for everyone.

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As we "go to press," this announcement has come from our Conference Treasurer, Shirley Hoffpauir. In 1981, our Conference pledged $204,450.00 to Missions. Unfortunately, we did not meet the total pledge. We sent $192,645.24 to Missions, which is 94% of our pledge. But we do have good news to report concerning the response of the women to the two special calls made in 1981. The Conference Treasurer reports that $7440.47 was sent through her to the emergency need for assistance with the CETA program at St. Mark's in New Orleans and $3755.50 to MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services because of the fire at Down's Hall. The response of our women when made aware of need, makes us confident that our 1982 Pledge to Missions will be paid in full.

Events... Past and Future

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT WORKSHOP---SUCCESS IN '81

The Mission Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement, Johnnye Butler, reports that the Conference held a workshop in Alexandria, November '81 on Christian Social Responsibility Interpretation. Mrs. Butler served as chairperson with Marian Eggerton, co-chairperson. The resource speakers for the occasion were Peggy Billings, Assistant General Secretary of the Section of Christian Social Relations, and Marilyn Winters and Shirley McPherson, Directors of the Women's Division. More than fifty women were in attendance at the two day workshop. There were several features that highlighted the workshop---the discussion of an "Overview Bible Study and Worship," the role and responsibility of the Women's Division, theological considerations and the Women's Division involvement in values, issues, conflicts, and communications. A unique and successful technique of the resource persons was to involve all the workshop participants as much as possible. It was structured so that each participant was forced to become involved, thereby giving no time for boredom. A survey of the evaluation sheets revealed the overall rating was very good.

– Team for C.S.I. Workshop –
Shirley McPherson, Peggy Billings, Marilyn Winters

– Committee for Legislative Concerns Workshop –
Seated: Lottie Palazzo, Lou Alexander, Carol S. Winn
Standing: Janet Hoffpauir, Johnnye Butler, Amy Ward, Elizabeth McGowan

LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS WORKSHOP ---EXCITING PLAN FOR '82

The Legislative Concerns Committee will meet in January to continue plans for the Legislative Training Event to be held Friday, May 21, and Saturday, May 22, 1982, in Baton Rouge. This will be an opportunity for the women to learn the "how-to's" of monitoring legislation and to get some practical experience in how a committee functions in the legislature. Tentative plans are in the works for the meeting to be held at the Bellemont Motor Hotel. Three workshops are being considered, led by Mrs. Nina Pugh, an attorney with the LSU Civil Law Department; Mr. Thomas L. Miller, Director of Child Welfare & Attendance with the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board; and Mrs. Dolores Kozloski, with the Juvenile Division of the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement. Also, Mr. Ken Ward, of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, will speak concerning legislative matters, and Ms. Florence Isaac, a member of the Jurisdictional Task Group, will bring us the Biblical and Theological background. These knowledgeable people will bring us information on the concerns of women, children, and the family as a whole; also, inheritance laws, aspects of parental responsibility and some of the social matters of concern to us as women. Final decisions concerning attendance, registration, and housing will be made at the meeting in January and you will have further instructions on this workshop. Keep it in mind!!!

WORLD DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP — First United Methodist Church - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

What will the mission of the church be like in the year 1990 or the year 2000? Mission has been changing for a number of years. Though the basic concept of mission, to show Jesus Christ to the world, is ever the same, many methods which the church has used in the past must be replaced with mission which recognizes and upholds the dignity and the hopes of persons in Third World Countries.

World Development Workshops seek to help persons in developed countries understand the needs and priorities in Third World countries. Many international agencies such as agencies of the United Nations, the World Bank, the World Health Organization have been using the development concept, which encourages underdeveloped countries to set their own priorities for development and then to proceed with projects, usually utilizing their own leadership, in a way that benefits the most people.

The United Methodist Church is already in mission in the developing countries and is more and more using the Development concept in many areas of its work, including literacy/education, food and water supplies, industry and technology, and service to refugee communities.

The World Development Workshop will provide plenaries and small group meetings on education and literacy, food supplies and production, scientific and technological development, and the potential for development of refugee populations.

Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin will open the Workshop with the keynote address on the "Biblical Understanding of Mission" on Thursday evening. On Friday morning, Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, a Methodist delegate to the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches, will lead a plenary on the work of the Council in development. Dr. Paul Morton, head of refugee work for the United Methodist Committee on Relief, will speak on the needs and potentials of refugees throughout the world.

Small group leaders will be the Rev. Chris Andrews of Slidell, Dr. Darrell Mount of Colorado Springs, and Dr. Reid Grigsby, retired State Department representative, who has recently returned from Sri Lanka.

The registration fee is $20.00, which will include two lunches and two evening meals and a large packet of informational material. If you desire, arrangements will be made for accomodations in homes of Methodists in the Baton Rouge area or motels are available near First United Methodist Church at your own expense.

In the pattern of attendance, with expenses paid for this workshop are the District Vice-Presidents, District Coordinators for Christian Global Concerns and District Coordinators for Christian Social Involvement. Also invited to attend (at their own expense) are other District United Methodist Women officers and persons from local churches with a particular interest in mission. Registration is limited to 100 and should be in by March 10, 1982.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
March 25-27, 1982
First United Methodist Church
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

Mail Registration and $20.00 to:
Mrs. Mary Adele Compton
Rt. 1, Box 410
Jennings, Louisiana 70546 (Mail by March 10)

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

CHURCH_____ OFFICE_____

Do you wish accomodations in a home? _____

If you wish a motel, please make your own reservation-Holiday Inn, Days Inn, Ramada Inn or Howard Johnson's (near church).

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 25, 1982
- 5:00-5:30 ..... Registration
- 5:30-6:30 ..... Dinner
- 6:30-8:30 ..... Keynote Speaker
  Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin
  "Biblical Understanding of Mission"

Friday, March 26, 1982
- 9:00-9:30 ..... Morning Worship
  Theme - "Wesley's Rule of Life"
- 9:30-10:30 ..... Plenary
  "The World Council of Churches in Mission"
  Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn
- 10:30-11:00 ..... Break
- 11:00-12:00 ..... Small Group Presentations
  Group I - Food Production & World Hunger
  Dr. Reid Grigsby
  Group II - Literacy and Education
  Rev. Chris Andrews
  Group III - Science and Technology and the Third World
  Dr. Darrell Mount
- 12:00-1:00 ..... Lunch
- 1:00-2:30 ..... Plenary
  "The World of Refugees"
  Dr. Paul Morton - UMCOR
- 2:30-3:30 ..... Audio-Visuals
- 3:30-4:00 ..... Break
- 4:00-5:00 ..... Small Groups
- 6:30 ..... Dinner and Plenary
  "Kenya & Tanzania - Two Developing Countries"

Saturday, March 27, 1982
- 9:00-9:30 ..... Music & Worship
- 9:30-10:30 ..... Plenary
  "The Economics of Development - Challenge to Christians"
- 10:30-10:45 ..... Break
- 10:45-11:45 ..... Small Groups
- 11:45-12:15 ..... Closing
- 12:15 ..... Lunch - A Symbolic Meal of Soup, Bread & Water

Janet Hoffpauir, Ola Fisher, Anne Hearn
Portion of the Committee for World Development Workshop

Our new Conference President Nell Read - with some of her family, immediately after her election

Meet our new Conference President, Mrs. Cecil Read, affectionately known to us as Nell, of Farmerville. She was born in Downsville, Louisiana; graduated from high school there, then attended Louisiana Tech where she received her degree; then taught for a year before her marriage to Cecil Read. She is a mother of four and grandmother to six. She enjoys a hobby of quilting. Nell has served in her local church as a Church School teacher, on Council on Ministries and President of her local unit. She recently completed four years as President of the Ruston District and has also served in the Conference UMW as Historian and Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. We welcome Nell to the leadership of our Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women.

DATE TO REMEMBER!!!

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"Signs of the Times" School of Christian Mission - 1982

Mrs. Margaret Bryan
Dean of the 1982 School

Mrs. Johnnye Butler
Assistant Dean

"Signs of the Times" is the theme for the School of Christian Mission and your School Committee has secured another outstanding faculty so this year's school will be one of the best. The theme will be developed through special sessions dealing with "Signs of the Times" through Reading (led by our own Estelle Dameron); through Music (led by Dr. Will Andress, Director of Music, First Methodist Church and Centenary College, Shreveport). Everyone will participate in the study of *Hebrews* led by Dr. Woodrow Hearn of First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge; and they will also have the choice of one other study, presented by an excellent teaching staff.

The schedule includes a first night Summer Band Concert in the Hargrove Memorial Amphitheatre of Centenary College; a fun night festival featuring excerpts of the Broadway musical, "South Pacific," directed by Dr. Andress; a special time for the Music Interest group; featured Audio-Visuals; and visiting the Program Resource Room or the Resource Learning Center. First-timers will be welcomed at an orientation session at the beginning of each school. A special treat will be the opportunity to hear messages from such outstanding personalities as the Vice President of the Health and Welfare Division of the General Board of Global Ministries, Amy Ward of New Orleans, and Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Shreveport. Under his leadership, the first Earth Station TV Satellite by a major Protestant denomination in the nation has been built.

Each participant is STRONGLY urged to secure and read the study material before the school. You will receive greater benefit from the classes and have more time to enjoy the special features of the school.

The Offering will again be designated for the promotion of the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission through the "Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund." Your units were asked to include this project in their budgets and may participate in thus honoring Estelle since this school has always been so dear to her.

It is necessary that you bring your bed linens, blanket, pillow, towels and soap. All rooms are air-conditioned. You will want to arrive in time to register and have lunch before the opening session at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 20. The weekday school closes at 12:00 on Friday, July 23, and lunch is NOT included in the meal ticket. The weekend school begins with registration from 2:00 - 4:00 on Friday, followed by orientation for First-timers at 4:30 in James Dormitory and dinner at 5:00 P.M. The opening plenary will be at 6:00 P.M. in Kilpatrick Auditorium, Smith Building. The school concludes at 12:00 on Sunday, July 25, and lunch is NOT included in the meal ticket.

Our hope is that each unit will have representation at this 1982 School. You are urged to take advantage of the conference and district scholarships offered. The School of Christian Mission is the primary setting for mission education in The United Methodist Church and ALL are urged to attend.

Margaret Bryan . . . Dean of 1982 School

Discover "Signs of the Times"

Through Music

Will K. Andress

Dr. Will Andress, a native of El Dorado, Arkansas, was educated at Centenary College, Southern Seminary, East Carolina University, and Florida State University. He was a member of the Centenary Choir and a soloist with this group. He has held many choral conducting positions before returning to Shreveport in 1971 to become Director of Music at First Methodist Church. He also assumed the position of Centenary Choir Director in 1974 and still holds both of these places. Dr. Andress is a frequent soloist for area musical events and serves as guest instructor for choral clinics.

Once again, music will be a special feature of our School. In fact, it promises to be a real highlight, because of the excellent leadership we will have. Dr. Will Andress will be Music Director for our School and we are really fortunate. As we journey through our School, we will experience music at many points along the way and in various settings. We will be involved, inspired, challenged, informed——yes, and entertained too——all through this art medium.

The Music Interest Group will again be offered during the weekday school as an extra opportunity for those interested in singing, developing some new skills and techniques, learning to use music in program, and becoming informed about resources. Under Dr. Andress' leadership, the Music Interest Group will undoubtedly be one of the most exciting experiences of the School.

A special musical treat is in store each "Fun Night"---you'll surely want to be there. Bring your copy of "SISTERS AND BROTHERS SING" to School. We'll be using it in our "Gatherings"; plan to register for the Music Interest Group when you arrive Tuesday; and get ready to join in "singing and making melody to the Lord. . .always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father." Come, let's discover through music some signs of the times that will help us grow in our Christian faith.

Helen F. Brock
Music Coordinator

Through Reading Program

Estelle Dameron

Estelle Dameron, former Conference President, is a highly respected leader in our Conference, holding many offices on all levels of our church work. A native of Baton Rouge, she is the widow of a United Methodist minister, mother of a 'doctor-son' and "proud" grandmother to three. She is a graduate of Louisiana State University and did graduate work at Scarritt College and Iliff School of Theology. She will lead our "Gatherings" in the "Signs of the Times Reading Program."

A special emphasis at the Schools will be the reading program. The purpose of this program feature is to help United Methodist Women become more aware of the Reading Program as an important instrument for enlarging our understanding of mission, as developed through the four mission emphasis of our organization.

The Task Group responsible for this program has designed several methods of presentation, which we hope will demonstrate the value of the Reading Program both to the individual participant and to the local U.M.W. unit. You will be introduced to specific books; have an opportunity to explore and evaluate ideas from selected readings; discuss the "how to" for promoting the Reading Program; and consider ways in which the books under the four categories contribute to our understanding of mission.

Reading good books can be like visiting good friends; we are not always in agreement, but we are willing to hear their points of view and be open to new understandings. Openess to the ideas of others--whether through books or persons--helps us to evaluate the truths by which we live.

We hope that those who have not participated in the Reading Program will be inspired to "try the water" and perhaps "to venture out into the deep." For those who are already enjoying the Reading Program, we hope this special feature will open new avenues for learning, action, and inspiration.

Reading Program Task Group
Estelle Dameron, Chairperson

Through Audio Visuals

Eleine Phillips

Eleine Phillips graciously accepted our invitation to present the Audio-Visual Program for the fourth year. She has done this in Conference, District and local Schools for several years and we are indeed fortunate to have her return. An experienced projectionist, Eleine brings her equipment with her. She formerly served on the Kansas West UMW Conference in Global Concerns, and is presently serving as Wichita District Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement. In the latter area, she served on the task force for a statewide event in Topeka recently. Eleine is deeply involved in many areas of her church and we appreciate her taking time to be with us for our School.

SOMETHING NEW AT SCHOOL FROM OLA FISHER AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE! ! !

This year there will be a Meditation Room, located in James Dormitory and open 24 hours each day for your convenience. Choose a time that is best suited to your need to come and engage in whatever experience your heart may dictate——devotional reading, prayer, or meditation. All this can be done in an atmosphere of calm and serenity.

LIST OF STUDY TEXTBOOKS

HEBREWS

"Outside the Gate"
by Roy Sano — $1.50

PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

"Pacific People Sing Out Strong"
by William Coop — $4.95

"Learning the Pacific Way"
Guide by Janet DeVries — $3.95

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH: ONENESS IN CHRIST

"Christian Unity: Matrix for Mission"
by Paul Crow — $4.95

"On the Road to Unity"
Guide by Marion Baker — $3.95

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

MIDWEEK SCHOOL — JULY 20 - 23, 1982 | **WEEKEND SCHOOL — JULY 23 - 25, 1982**

TUESDAY, JULY 20	WEDNESDAY, JULY 21	THURSDAY, JULY 22	FRIDAY, JULY 23	SATURDAY, JULY 24	SUNDAY, JULY 25
	7:10 a.m. WORSHIP	7:10 a.m. WORSHIP	7:10 a.m. WORSHIP	7:10 a.m. WORSHIP	7:10 a.m. WORSHIP
	7:30 a.m. Breakfast	7:30 a.m. Breakfast	7:30 a.m. Breakfast	7:30 a.m. Breakfast	7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 - 12:00 Registration James Dorm. Visit: Program Resource Room - or - Resource/Learning Center	8:30 - 9:45 Gathering 9:45 Break 10:00 - 12:00 Hebrews	8:30 - 9:45 Gathering 9:45 Break 10:00 - 12:00 Hebrews	8:30 - 10:30 Class 10:30 Break 10:45 - 12:00 Hebrews CLOSING MIDWEEK SCHOOL CLOSES	8:30 - 10:30 Class 10:30 Break 10:45 - 12:00 Gathering SIGNS OF THE TIMES THROUGH READING PROGRAM	8:30 - 10:00 Class 10:00 Break 10:15 - 12:00 Hebrews CLOSING
12:00 LUNCH	12:00 LUNCH	12:00 LUNCH	WEEKEND SCHOOL OPENS	12:00 LUNCH	WEEKEND SCHOOL CLOSES
1:00 - 2:15 Gathering 2:15 Break 2:30 - 4:30 Hebrews	1:00 - 2:00 Quiet/Study Time 2:00 - 4:00 Class 4:15 - 5:00 Music Interest Group - or - Resource/Learning Center - or - A.V.'s	1:00 - 2:00 Quiet/Study Time 2:00 - 4:00 Class 4:15 - 5:00 Music Interest Group - or - Resource/Learning Center - or - A.V.'s	2:00 - 4:00 Registration in James Dorm Visit: Program Resource Room - or - Resource/Learning Center 4:30 - 5:00 Orientation for First Timers - James Dorm	1:30 - 3:30 Hebrews 3:45 - 5:00 Gathering	GATHERINGS Kilpatrick Auditorium Smith Building FUN NIGHT James Dorm Lounge PROGRAM RESOURCE ROOM Centenary Room North Cafeteria A.V.'S Kilpatrick Auditorium Smith Building
5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER	
5:45 Orientation for First Timers James Dorm 6:30 - 8:30 Class	6:15 Prayer Walk 6:30 - 8:15 Gathering SIGNS OF TIMES THROUGH READING PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP SKIT 8:30 Fun Night James Dorm	6:15 Prayer Walk 6:30 - 8:30 Gathering Excellence of Study Offering SIGNS OF TIMES THROUGH READING PROGRAM	6:00 - 7:15 Gathering 7:30 - 9:00 Hebrews 9:00 Fun Night James Dorm	6:15 Prayer Walk 6:30 - 8:30 Class	

Your address on campus will be:

JAMES DORMITORY
P. O. Box 4188
Centenary College
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104

The telephone number is:
(318) 869-5313

Our nurses for the Schools will be Eula Wyatt for the Weekday School and Maudry Carmouche for the Weekend School. We thank these ladies in advance for accepting this responsibility.

Aloha!!!

Guess where this year's "Fun Night" will transport us! The greeting, I am sure, is a give-away to our destination. Yes, we will travel to the Pacific Islands, with most of our time spent in the oft-called Paradise of the Pacific— —the "Hawaiian Islands." So get your passorts ready! Let us all come, each and every Wahine, dressed in the native costumes of the islands . . . colorful muumuus, grass skirts, flowers for the hair . . . and enjoy festive filled nights.

The lovely evenings will be spent enjoying some of the Islands favorite fruits - bananas, pineapples, papayas, avacodos, and mangoes, along with their good foods and drinks.

We will also enjoy good Hawaiian music, games and dancing the "Hula." A special treat will be the presentation by the Music Department of Centenary College of excerpts from the musical, "South Pacific." We look forward to seeing you on July 21 and 24 at the James Hall Dormitory on Centenary College campus as we celebrate our Annual Fun Night.

Aloha!

Johnnye Butler

INTRODUCING 1982 SCHOOL C

for: "PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS"

Clytie Perry

Clytie Perry is a native of Texas but was reared in Central Louisiana. She was educated at Fisk University, Howard University, Southern, and University of Maryland. She has taught in public schools in Maryland, Texas, and Louisiana and has also served in community work as Director in a YWCA and in a Senior Center. Clytie has served in numerous productive capacities of church leadership on local, district, conference and jurisdiction levels. She is the wife of a retired United Methodist minister. Having taught in several Schools of Christian Mission, we are happy to again have her teaching in our School.

Itascu Stafford

Itascu Stafford is a native of Texas and received her education in that state, also. She was employed for 41 years as a teacher in the public schools and is now retired and her hobbies include traveling and growing plants. She has been quite active in her church, having served on many levels . . .local, district, conference, and jurisdiction. She served her own conference as Dean of the School of Christian Mission and has been a study leader in several conferences. She is also active in community work serving as a Director of her County Hospital District and on the Golden Crescent Council of Governments. Her husband is a retired merchant and realtor. We welcome Itascu to our Conference.

Elizabeth N. Thomas

Elizabeth N. Thomas is a retired high school counselor, having worked in the East Baton Rouge Parish. She received her B.S. in biology from Dillard University; her M.A. from Xavier; M.S. from University of Illinois; and has completed the course work for a doctorate in guidance and psychology from the Universities of L.S.U. and California. She has taught in Conference Schools of Christian Mission in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Texas, and Louisiana. Elizabeth has held leadership positions on the local, district, and conference levels of Methodist Womens' work. Presently, she is Finance Chairperson of Church Women United in Baton Rouge, a member of the Louisiana Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women; and a member of her District Nominating Committee of U.M.W. Elizabeth is a member of Camphor United Methodist Church and we are fortunate to again have her teach for us.

Robert F. Storey comes to our School from the West Ohio Conference where he serves as Director of the Office of Communications in the Conference Council on Ministries. He has taught at Conference Schools of Christian Mission in his own West Ohio Conference and it is with great pleasure that we welcome him here to our Conference for his first teaching assignment in our School.

Robert F. Storey

CHRISTIAN MISSION TEACHERS

for: "PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH - ONENESS IN CHRIST"

Charles L. McClure

Rev. Charles McClure is currently the pastor of First United Methodist Church in DeLeon, Texas. He was born in Mississipi, educated in Louisiana and Texas. His seminary training was at Perkins School of Theology. He has served several churches in Texas and also served as a Campus Minister. Charles was Assistant Dean of his own Conference's School of Christian Mission and has taught in Schools in Louisiana and Texas. We welcome him back to our School.

Anne C. Hearn

Anne Hearn is a native of Texas and received her education at Louisiana Tech, Centenary College, McNeese, and Boston University. Anne is vitally involved in the many activities of First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge where her husband is pastor. She is also actively engaged in community work. Anne is presently Conference Coordinator of Christian Global Concerns for U.M.W. and chairing the World Development Workshop. She and her husband have traveled extensively.

Stanley M. Warfield, Jr.

Stan Warfield was born in Oklahoma and educated in that state and in Iowa. He has served churches in Iowa, Nebraska and Oklahoma, and is presently pastor of First United Methodist Church in Idabel, Oklahoma. He has been active in several civic groups and his hobbies include bicycling, fishing, and traveling. Stan has worked with Alcohol and Drug Abuse programs and in Chaplaincy work. He has taught in Schools of Christian Mission in Oklahoma and Arkansas and we welcome him to his first time in our School.

Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn

for: "HEBREWS"

Dr. Hearn is a native of Louisiana and received his education at Louisiana Tech, Boston School of Theology, Boston University and Harvard University. He has pastored churches in Massachusetts and Louisiana, having served as District Superintendent of the Lake Charles District prior to his present appointment as Senior Minister of First United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. He is a member of the General Council on Ministries of the United Methodist Church; Trustee of St. Paul's School of Theology; and President of the Louisiana Annual Conference Council on Financa and Administration. He has been a representative of the church on both the national and international level and has written several articles for publication in secular and church publications. He is widely traveled and has preached in Russia during a recent trip abroad. Our School is indeed fortunate to have Dr. and Mrs. Hearn both on our staff.

1982 GOALS

in 1981-1984 Quadrennium

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE – UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

I. ENCOURAGE LOCAL UNITS TO EXPAND THEIR AWARENESS OF THE BIBLICAL BASIS AND MANDATE FOR MISSION, BECOMING ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SPECIFIC MISSION ENDEAVORS BY DECEMBER 1984.

1. Request the Conference Executive Committee and District Executive Committees to provide time for ongoing Bible study to interpret this goal. CP
2. Conduct a World Development Workshop with appropriate follow-up in Districts. (January 27-29, 1983) CGC
3. Develop a "mission inventory" in each District by:
   (a) compiling a list of specific mission endeavors in which Local Units and/or churches are presently engaged. CGC/CSI
   (b) listing opportunities for future undertakings.
4. Have a mission bulletin board in each Local Church for information and update. CGC
5. Make supportive contacts with missionaries and deaconesses related to Louisiana Conference. SC/CGC
6. Promote "Excellence of Studies" program. CGC/CP/CSI/SC

II. SENSITIZE LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP TO THE SPECIAL MINISTRIES NEEDED BY THE FAMILY, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE NEEDS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

1. Demonstrate at the 1982 School of Christian Mission the use of the leaflet "Ministries to Women and Ministries to Children" (free for postage from Service Center) SC/Pres.
2. Encourage District and Local Mission Coordinators for Supportive Community and Christian Social Involvement to research the needs of families with emphasis on ministries to women and children. SC/CSI
3. Conduct a Legislative Training Event to focus on concerns of women, children, and the whole family, with appropriate follow-up in Districts (May 21-22, 1982) CSI/CP

III. ENCOURAGE LOCAL UNITS TO INCREASE THEIR PLEDGE TO MISSION ANNUALLY.

1. Conduct a Financial Promotion Workshop (October 29-31, 1982). Treas.
2. Continue to inform Local women how their mission dollars are spent and how to prepare budgets Treas./CGC
3. Promote use of Program Resource materials from Service Center that relate especially to mission giving. PR/VP
4. Update information on World and National Division projects through use of "Prayer Calendar", personalized mission stories, and visits with persons in mission. CGC

IV. PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL LEARNING/GROWING EXPERIENCES

1. Hold a Conference-wide Retreat (March 18-20, 1983). CP
2. Schedule a Conference Leadership Workshop in the fall of 1983. VP/Pres.
3. Conduct a Christian Disciplines Workshop in 1984. VP/Pres.

V. ENCOURAGE ONGOING EMPHASIS ON THE FOLLOWING GOALS:

1. Membership
   (a) Organize at least one new Local Unit in each District.
   (b) Challenge each Local Unit to establish a goal and strategy for increasing its membership.
   (c) Present a membership skit at School of Christian Mission 1982.
   (d) Promote Estelle Dameron Scholarships by giving 20 scholarships for 1982 School of Christian Mission. M'ship,
2. Reading Program – emphasize Reading Program at the 1982 School of Christian Mission. CP/PR
3. Implementation of "Charter of Racial Justice Policies" – establish a Conference Committee to recommend plans for implementing the Charter at District and Local Levels. Com. Chp./Pres.

All District Executive Committees and Local Units: These Goals were approved by the Conference Executive Committee February 12, 1982. You are encouraged to study them carefully and incorporate into your program the parts that are appropriate, adding your own strategies and implementations in the ways most effective for your District and Local Unit. The abbreviations following each numbered strategy suggest the officer(s) who might be responsible for the leadership in that undertaking.

Helen F. Brock
Conference Vice President

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you are attending School of Christian Mission, please clip the Registration Card and the Class enrollment Card printed below, fill in and mail, along with your REGISTRATION FEE ONLY, to the Registrar. The fee is $8.50 for either of the two schools, and applies to every registrant. However, if you plan to attend both schools, the fee will be only $10.00. This includes insurance while on campus and also while traveling from your home and on return trip.

The Bible study, "Hebrews", will be presented to everyone this year. You will choose ONE course from the other two studies available at school. Please mark your class enrollment card according to your choice.

You can be refunded your registration fee up until July 6. If you cannot attend, please notify the Registrar and also the Housing Chairperson so that your room may be released for someone else. REGISTER EARLY to assure a room in the dormitory and also your choice of studies.

Your Registrar of School of Christian Mission for 1982, to whom you send the form below is:

Mrs. Amy Ward
500 Walker Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

REGISTRATION CARD
Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

School of Christian Mission
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

Check School Attending:
School No. 1, July 20-23, 1982 ( )
School No. 2, July 23-25, 1982 ( )

Name_____

Address_____

_____ Zip_____

Church_____ District_____

Office Held_____

Staying on Campus ( ) No ( )
Telephone No. (Locally), if not staying on campus_____
First time to attend School of Christian Mission ( )

CLASS ENROLLMENT CARD

Check School Attending:
School No. 1, July 20-23, 1982 ( )
School No. 2, July 23-25, 1982 ( )

Name_____

You must have this enrollment card to be admitted to class. It will be at the desk of the Registrar, James Dormitory. Class enrollment cuts off at 30. Register early. check ONE of the studies listed below that you wish to take.

( ) People of the Pacific
( ) Oneness in Christ

Do you plan to teach this study? Yes ( ) No ( )

To be filled in by Registrar:

Teacher_____ Room No._____ Bldg. _____

HOUSING REGISTRATION

Name_____

Address_____

_____

Church_____

District_____

Room-mate_____
(If possible, send registrations together)

First floor necessary_____

Arriving: Date_____ Time_____

School: Week-Day_____ Week-End_____

Mail to: Mrs. Ella Mae Custer
2913 Dick Taylor Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71202

HOUSING INFORMATION

If you need housing in the dormitory for School of Christian Mission, you will need to fill in the form above and mail it, separately, to the Housing Chairperson listed above. If you have a preference for a roommate, please indicate on your card, AFTER you have checked with the person you are indicating. Limited space does not allow single occupancy of a room. Please bring your towels, soap, linens, pillow and blanket. The dormitory and classrooms are air-conditioned. Please do not ask us to reserve a room for only one night. This is not fair to those needing rooms for the entire school.

COSTS FOR MEALS AND ROOM

(This is to be paid UPON ARRIVAL; not in advance.)

Room per day		$9.00
Meals:	Breakfast	2.50
	Lunch	2.75
	Dinner	3.00

Everyone staying on campus MUST purchase a meal ticket. School I includes Tuesday lunch through Friday breakfast. School II includes Friday evening dinner through Sunday breakfast.

SCHOOL I	Room	$27.00
	Meal Ticket	24.75
	Total	$51.75
SCHOOL II	Room	$18.00
	Meal Ticket	13.75
	Total	$31.75

FLASH!!!

There are still Estelle Dameron Scholarships to School of Christian Mission available. Why don't you encourage someone from your unit to apply for one? Contact your District President or District Chairperson of Membership.

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Mrs. Anne Hearn

UP—DATE ON FUND FOR A. V. LIBRARY UNITED METHODIST AREA HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women are again showing a spirit of generosity and responsiveness to worthwhile causes.

As we, "go to press," an amount of $4,396.83 has been received toward the goal of $5,000.00 for furnishings in the Audio Visual Library of our new Conference Headquarters Building in Baton Rouge.

Our sincere thanks go to each of you for making it possible for United Methodist Women to share in this landmark. We shall be proud to be a part of a continuing mission to the present and future of our church.

Money from this fund will be turned in by May 1. If there are others who want to participate in this project, it is important to send your gifts immediately.

May God richly bless you.

Nell Read
Conference President

LOOKING AHEAD!!!

LEGISLATIVE TRAINING EVENT
May 21 - 22, 1982
Bellemont Motor Hotel
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lake Charles, Louisiana
September 17 - 18, 1982

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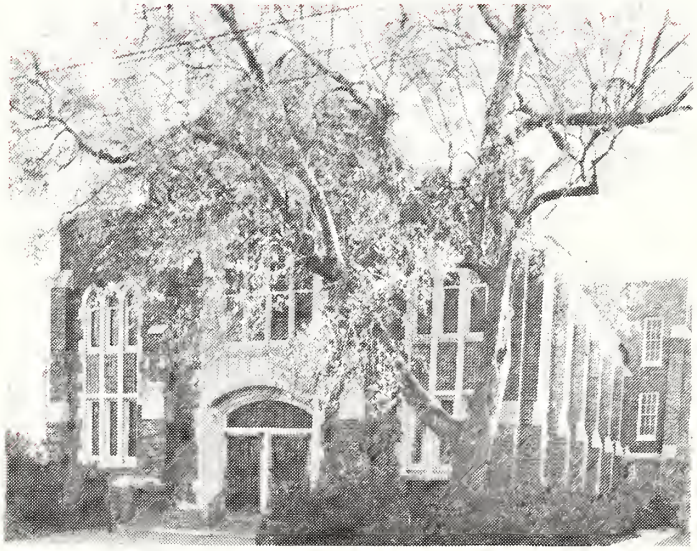
September 17 - 18, 1982

MEMBERS OF HOSTESS CHURCH GROUP

Back Row: Julia Heard, District President, and Lucy Oakley, Local Unit President.

Front Row: Jessie Chastain, Hospitality Chairperson, Neva Busch, District Vice President.



First United Methodist Church
Lake Charles, Louisiana

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will be held in the First United Methodist Church of Lake Charles, Louisiana on Friday, September 17, 1982. Mrs. Nell Read, Conference President, will convene the meeting at 1:00 P.M. and participants will be welcomed by Dr. Benedict Galloway, Minister of the Church; Mrs. Julia Heard, District President, and Mrs. Lucy Oakley, Local President.

Mrs. Janet Hoffpauir of Natchitoches is Chairperson of the Annual Meeting Program. The speaker this year is Dr. J. Harry Haines, Associate General Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church.

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

All United Methodist Women are invited to the Annual Meeting, September 17-18, 1982, to be held at First United Methodist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana. Registration will be from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon on Friday, September 17.

United Methodist Women of the Lake Charles District will furnish lunch on Friday and Saturday; also juice, coffee, and rolls on Saturday morning -- all at no cost to the meeting participants. We appreciate the hospitality of these women, as well as the local group, which is preparing for us.

The voting membership (delegates) will be composed of the following persons: members of the conference executive committee; district officers; presidents and chairpersons of the former Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds of the former Conference A and B, and their predecessor organizations. Local units shall be represented at the annual meeting on the basis of one delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof, providing that every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership shall be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the Conference President, 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. (Standing Rules of the Conference Organization) Each registered guest is covered by insurance through the conference from the time of departure for the event until returning home.

This year our program emphasis is on Christian Global Concerns, designed to create an awareness of the culture and life style of other countries in an effort to help us understand our common heritage and kinship as children of God. Our featured speaker, Dr. J. Harry Haines, will bring us information and inspiration from his rich experiences of being in global mission.

Come prayerfully, anticipating a spiritually rewarding experience.

Nell Read
Conference President

ELECTION

The election of officers at Annual Meeting will take place on Friday afternoon. In keeping with our Conference Rules, we herewith submit the list of nominees for your consideration:

Vice President
Mrs. Jack S. Winegeart (Norma)
161 Lee Avenue
DeRidder, LA 70634

Treasurer
Mrs. Billy Nelson (Wanda)
530 Cleveland Street
Franklinton, LA 70438

Mission Coordinators for:
Christian Personhood
Mrs. Ola B. Fisher
P. O. Box 686
Clinton, LA 70722

Christian Social Involvement
Ms. Taylor Phillip
Box 931
Lake Arthur, LA 70549

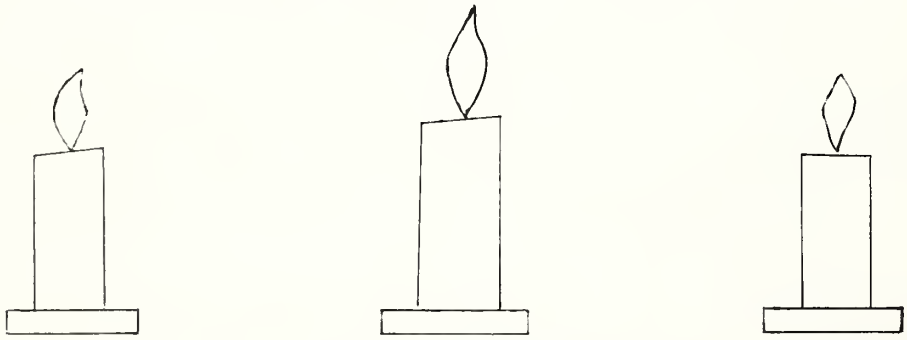
Supportive Community
Mrs. A. J. Palazzo (Lottie)
2221 Elizabeth
Metairie, LA 70003

Committee on Nominations
Chairperson
Mrs. Eddie Morgan, Jr. (Jackie)
P. O. Box 1049
Kenner, LA 70063

New Members to Nominating Committee Elected for a Three Year Term
Mrs. John B. Blackman (Betty)
4523 Woodlyn Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Mrs. Margaret Burris
Rt. 6, Box 30
Franklinton, LA 70438

Mrs. Aubrey Medlock (Lou)
P. O. Box 782
Monroe, LA 71201



It has been decided that we will again use our "Mission Candle" at the Annual Meeting. We are going to light three candles this year. The large Heritage Candle that we have been using will still be used as a Memorial to those that have gone on before us. We will use a smaller one on the left for those who are presently serving, which we will call "In Honor." The candle on the right will be used to light our future with the young persons in our families that will be our hope for the future.

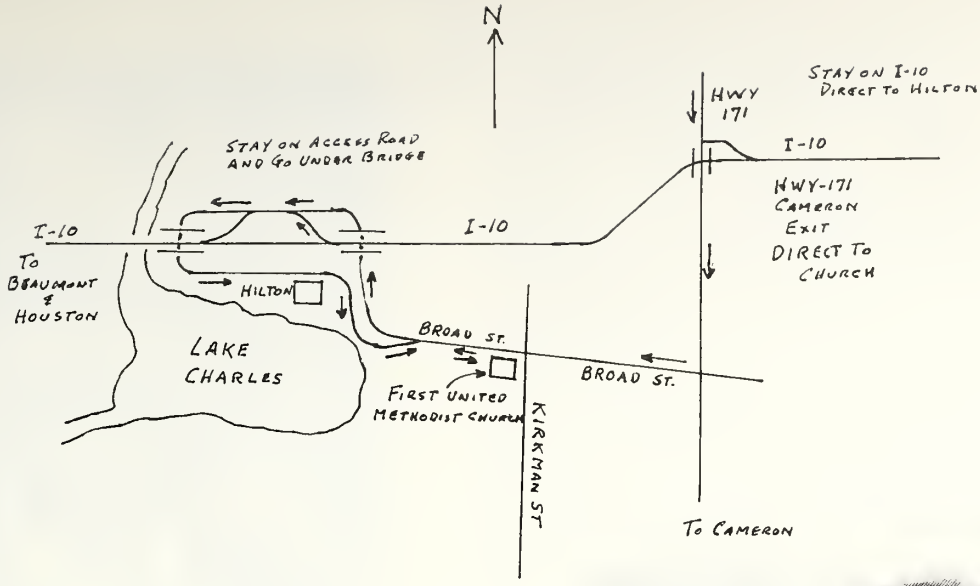
Names can be submitted in any group and we will again use the book that was used at the last Annual Meeting. A special section will be added for those names listed for the future (grandchildren, children, nieces and nephews, for example).

Again, we will burn the candle according to the money received. The cost of missions per minute, this year will be $29.93. It costs $1795.80 per hour for our mission work. Last year, we raised $8300.00 this way and this was sent undesignated to the Women's Division.

Send your contributions to the CONFERENCE TREASURER, Mrs. Shirley Hoffpauir, Rt. 8, Box 1549, Lake Charles, LA 70605. These should be sent no later than September 10. This contribution helps the Conference pledge to the Women's Division. Our total pledge is $204,450.00.

We know you will want to become an important part of our Conference Annual Meeting by continuing your support in this project.

Shirley G. Hoffpauir
Conference Treasurer



HOUSING INFORMATION

Hilton Inn (Located on I-10)
Attention: Pam McGough
505 North Lakeshore Drive
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601
Phone: (318) 433-7121

All meeting participants are invited to choose the brand new Hilton Inn as their lodging during the 1982 Annual Meeting. It is only a few blocks from the First United Methodist Church; and the Friday evening banquet and program will be in the Banquet Room of the Hilton.

Rooms will be held for our meeting participants and a special price of $50.00 per room will be guaranteed for all who make their reservation by Friday, September 9. This $50.00 will apply for one, two, three or four people to a room. (Example: if there are four to a room, the cost to each person would be $12.50.) YOU must indicate to the Hilton, when sending in your reservation, who you will be sharing a room with. Please honor the September 9 deadline, which is less than one week before Annual Meeting begins. Make reservations directly with the hotel indicating that you are with the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN.

Although the banquet will be held at the Hilton, DO NOT make reservations for the banquet with hotel personnel or send them your money for the banquet. Banquet tickets are to be purchased by completing the Registration Card in the back of this Newsletter and enclosing your money for the banquet along with your registration fee to Mary Lou France.

Rev. Linn C. Richardson

Our Holy Communion Service will open our Annual Meeting this year and it has been written especially for United Methodist Women by Rev. Linn C. Richardson. She will be assisted in the worship by Dr. Benedict Galloway, Host Pastor; Dr. Jack Cooke, District Superintendent; Rev. Carolyn Brannon, and Rev. Freida Brown.

Rev. Richardson was born in Shreveport and is an alumnus of Centenary College (having sung in the Choir there), and of Southeastern Louisiana University. She taught in public schools in Louisiana and Texas, then entered Perkins School of Theology from which she graduated with high honors. She is an Ordained Deacon and Probationary Member of the Louisiana Conference. Linn served a pastorate at the Benton United Methodist Church and is now serving on special appointment as Director of Admissions at Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U. She is married to Rev. James A. Richardson, a member of this Conference and presently a student in the Graduate Program in Religious Studies at S.M.U.

PROGRAM

"CALLED TO GROW INTO A GLOBAL COMMUNITY"

Friday, September 17, 1982

12:50 Organ Prelude . . . . . Dr. Michael Rudd
Convening of Annual Meeting . . . . . Mrs. Nell Read
Lighting of Mission Candles . . . . . Mrs. Shirley Hoffpauir
Service of Holy Communion . . . . . Rev. Linn C. Richardson
Rev. Carolyn P. Brannon
Rev. Freida M. Brown
Dr. Jack Cooke
Dr. Benedict Galloway

Welcome . . . . . Mrs. Julia Heard
Mrs. Lucy Oakley
Presentation of the Program . . . . . Mrs. Janet Hoffpauir
Local Arrangements . . . . . Mrs. Agnes Midlam
Report of the President . . . . . Mrs. Nell Read
Business:
Appointment of Committees
Recommendations from Executive Committee . . . . . Mrs. Evelyn Evans
Report of Treasurer
Presentation and Adoption of 1983 Budget . . . . . Mrs. Shirley Hoffpauir
Report of Committee on Nominations . . . . . Mrs. Irene Sandell
Election of Conference Officers
Mini-Encounters with the World . . . . . Led by District Teams

6:30 BANQUET
Blessing . . . . . Representative Richard Baker
Honoring Retiring Officers . . . . . Mrs. Sara Clardy
Pledge Service – "Clothe Me in Garments of Joy"
Introduction of Speaker . . . . . Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin
Address: "Committed Locally, Living Globally---A New Call to Mission" . . . . . Dr. J. Harry Haines

Saturday, September 18, 1982

7:30 Breakfast with Harry Haines — An Autograph Party

8:30 Organ Prelude
Presentation of Reading Certificates . . . . . Mrs. Sara Fugler
Membership Emphasis . . . . . Mrs. Fran Hall
Recognition of Diaconal Ministers . . . . . Mrs. Helen Brock
Report from 1982 Assembly of United Methodist Women . . . . . Mrs. Linda Singer
Presentation of Offering Project . . . . . Mrs. Anne Hearn
Offertory
Report of Registration . . . . . Mrs. Mary Lou France
Invitation to 1983 Conference Annual Meeting
Installation of New Conference Officers . . . . . Rev. Freida M. Brown
Address: "A World Without Hunger" . . . . . Dr. J. Harry Haines
Adjournment

Our 1982 Annual Meeting Offering

For Indigenous Self Help

Give a man a fish and he eats for a day;
Teach a man to fish and he eats for life.

Teach people to produce their own food and- - -

Children are no longer forced to suffer permanent brain damage caused by malnutrition.

Starvation is no longer an inevitable statistic.

Self sufficiency begins to promote self esteem.

Better health increases productivity and quality of life.

Beginning with a concern and commitment of Dr. William H. Patrick, scientist at LSU, an exciting project was begun with support around Baton Rouge and now throughout the state. He realized that the best way to combat world hunger was to educate highly qualified people who would be in a position to put valuable scientific knowledge to work in their own countries. In a special project at LSU, two students are engaged in advanced studies in agriculture. They are on leave from key jobs in underdeveloped, food-deficient countries where they are committed to working with their respective governments for increased food production. We as Louisiana United Methodists are concerned enough to help them eliminate the root causes of hunger. Through this program, we can provide an opportunity for children not yet born to mature in health and self respect.

SPEAKER FOR ANNUAL MEETING

DR. J. HARRY HAINES

Dr. J. Harry Haines will be the speaker for the Ninth Annual Meeting of the United Methodist Women. With the advance knowledge that Dr. Haines would be with us, the theme for this meeting was very wisely selected- - -"Called to Grow Into a Global Community." Dr. Haines is surely best qualified to speak to this topic as he serves as the chief executive of United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). He administers the relief and rehabilitation program of the United Methodist Church in 62 countries overseas and disaster relief within the United States. Contributions to this division have averaged $10,000,000 annually. These funds are expended for the "relief of human suffering without regard to race, color, or creed", denominationally and inter-denominationally, through organizations such as Church World Service and the World Council of Churches. UMCOR programs encompass a wide variety of projects in the areas of relief, rehabilitation, refugee resettlement and root causes of hunger.

Dr. Haines was educated at Western Maryland College, Westminister Theological Seminary and Princeton Theological Seminary. He served for six years as a missionary to China; ten years as District Superintendent to the General Malaysia District and three years as Asia Secretary to the World Council of Churches Commission on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service prior to his present work with UMCOR.

He is the author of several publications, the latest of which will be published in September of this year, entitled, "Committed Locally-Living Globally." He will speak on this topic at the Friday evening Banquet, and on Saturday morning his subject will be "A World Without Hunger."

MINI—ENCOUNTERS WITH THE WORLD

If we are "Called to Grow Into A Global Community," the first step must be getting to know the rest of the world more intimately. To help Annual Meeting participants make discoveries about other countries of the world and their peoples, each of the nine district organizations of United Methodist Women will furnish mini-encounters with one distant part of the world.

All Annual Meeting registrants will be given a passport for two of these mini-encounters, which will occur mid-Friday afternoon. In these encounters, one will find such things as native peoples, their clothing, their food, their handicrafts, their dreams. Stereotypes will be examined and contrasted with actual depictions of these regions.

The Districts have accepted assignments within the following areas:

Alexandria District . . . . . South Pacific Islands
Baton Rouge-Hammond District . . . . . Mexico
Baton Rouge-Lafayette District. . . . . Middle East
Lake Charles District. . . . . Japan
Monroe District. . . . . Poland
New Orleans-Houma District. . . . . Nigeria
New Orleans-Slidell District. . . . . Somalia
Ruston District . . . . . Caribbean Islands
Shreveport District . . . . . Venezuela

Everyone attending Annual Meeting is encouraged to come to the opening session at one o'clock Friday afternoon in the dress of a country within your district's emphasis.

Unless you already have an authentic costume, begin sewing today!

"Called to Grow Into a Global Community"

Coming Events

The following workshops and events are listed to make you aware of them. You will receive more detailed information, but you may want to put them on your own calendar at this time.

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS' TRAINING

Mrs. Shirley Hoffpauir. . . . . Chairperson
Mrs. Wilma Crosby . . . . . Vice Chairperson

Saturday, October 16, 1982
First United Methodist Church
Pineville, Louisiana

ALL elected District Officers are to attend

FINANCIAL PROMOTION WORKSHOP

Mrs. Shirley Hoffpauir. . . . . Chairperson
Mrs. Ruth Brown. . . . . Vice Chairperson

October 29-31, 1982
Plantation Manor Motel
Alexandria, Louisiana

Attending will be Conference Elected Leaders and Five Officers from each District: President, Vice Presdent, Treasurer, Mission Coordinators for Christian Global Concerns and Christian Social Involvement.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Mrs. Anne Hearn . . . . . Chairperson
Mrs. Margaret Bryan . . . . . Vice Chairperson

January 27-29, 1983
First United Methodist Church
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Attending will be the Conference Elected Leaders, and District Vice Presidents, along with District Mission Coordinators for Christian Social Involvement and Christian Global Concerns.

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 11-12, 1983
Plantation Manor Motel
Alexandria, Louisiana

Attending will be all Conference Elected Leaders, Task Group Chairpersons, Appointed Leaders, District Presidents and District Treasurers.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S DAY

February 27, 1983
To be observed in all local churches

CONFERENCE RETREAT

Mrs. Marion Eggerton . . . . . Chairperson
Mrs. Amy Ward . . . . . Vice Chairperson

March 18-20, 1983
Methodist Seashore Assembly
Biloxi, Mississippi

Attending: First 150 people to register. Remembering our other two retreats, you surely want to put this on your calendar and register as soon as you receive the information which will be in the NEXT newsletter.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Mrs. Johnnye Butler . . . . . Chairperson
Mrs. Lottie Palazzo . . . . . Vice Chairperson

July 15-17, 1983
July 18-21, 1983

Attending: Everyone in the Louisiana Conference!!!!

You will note that we are having the Week-end School FIRST next year, then the Week-day School will run from Monday noon to Thursday noon.

Dr. Nancy M. Carruth

Our Conference Editor/Public Relations Coordinator Nancy M. Carruth, was honored at the May Graduation Exercises at Centenary College. They bestowed upon her an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree.

Besides her work in the United Methodist Women, Nancy serves on the General Board of Higher Education of the Church and its Investment Committee. She also serves on the Louisiana Conference Council on Finance and Administration; Board of Higher Education; Board of Trustees, Methodist Children's Home Board, and Louisiana Methodist Foundation. Nancy is active on the Centenary College Council and served as a Lay Delegate to Jurisdictional Conference and an alternate to General Conference.

As we 'go to press,' a distress call has come from Nell Read, our Conference President. In the removal of displays from the Resource/Learning Room, someone inadvertently picked up the wrong materials. The display from the Baton Rouge-Lafayette and New Orleans-Slidell Districts are missing!!! Fran Hall's priceless Family Holy Bible was in one of these displays. The other grouping dealt with pictorial displays including Christ of the Andes. If you picked up any material from this room, on Sunday, July 25, please check into your boxes to see if you might by accident have some of these lost items. Contact Nell Read immediately, if you do.

—Left to right
Mrs. Norma Winegeart
Mrs. Nell Read
Mrs. Janet Hoffpauir

REGISTRATION CARD

1982 CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

Complete this registration card and send to: Mrs. Mary Lou France
924 10th Street
Lake Charles, LA 70601
Phone: (318) 439-8120

The Registration Fee for everyone is $3.00; Friday evening Banquet is $13.00. Since the Friday evening session will be in the same location as the banquet and will begin immediately following the meal, everyone is urged to attend the banquet; but reservations must be made by September 9. No refunds can be made after September 9, but alternates may be substituted.

Send registration and banquet money with the completed Registration Card. Make checks payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women.

If you need nursery facilities, please check _____Yes;
_____age(s) of children

Name_____

Address_____

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Check all that apply:
_____Guest (Non-voting)
_____Non-voting member
_____Voting delegate elected by local unit
_____Voting District Officer
_____Voting Member of Conference Executive Committee
_____Voting former Conference President or Guild Secretary

Church_____ City_____

District_____ Number in local unit_____

Address or motel name during meeting_____

Registration: $3.00 Banquet: $13.00

Amount of check enclosed:_____

Final committee work went on at School of Christian Mission, for the Annual Meeting Program. Mrs. Janet Hoffpauir of Natchitoches is Chairperson of this committee and Mrs. Norma Winegeart is Co-Chairperson. They and their committee have put in hours of work to bring us a most interesting and informative Annual Meeting.

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EXTRA!!!
EXTRA!!!
EXTRA!!!

This Annual Meeting promises to have several EXTRAS!

One will be a Party. . .
Breakfast with Harry Haines. . .
An autograph Party. This will be held in Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, Lake Charles at 7:30 A.M. Dr. Haines has two appropriate books out already, "The Twain Shall Meet" and "A World Without Hunger." We hope his newest book, "Committed Locally———Living Globally" will have been released by the time of our meeting. Do plan to come to this special event!!!

All participants at Annual Meeting are encouraged to attend the opening session on Friday afternoon, dressed in clothing worn by the country your District is presenting at the Mini-Encounters. (This can be determined on Page 5 of this Newsletter.) Let's all cooperate and make this a very colorful and meaningful Ninth Annual Meeting opening!

We also want to welcome Mrs. Sara Clardy of Missouri, a member of the Jurisdiction Core Planning Group. She will visit our Conference and also honor the retiring officers at the Friday night Banquet.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1982 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

One of the best Schools of Christian Mission ever held has just been completed at Centenary College in Shreveport. The Dean of this School was Mrs. Margaret Bryan and Assistant Dean was Mrs. Johnnye Butler. The total attendance at both Week-day School and Week-end School was 317. Of this number, 95 were "first-timers." There were 20 attending as recipients of the Estelle Dameron Scholarships. The offering received at the schools amounted to $700.00 and this will be used to fund future Dameron scholarships. Book sales in the Program Resource Room amounted to $3850.00. The Alexandria District won the Banner for Attendance. This is based on the highest attendance in percentage to membership. This is the second year Alexandria District has won the Banner.

The Schools had very capable staffs of teachers and leaders. "Hebrews," taught by Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn; "People of the Pacific Islands," by Itasca Stafford, Clytie Perry, Elizabeth Thomas and Robert Storey; "Pilgrimage of Faith-Oneness in Christ," by Anne Hearn, Charles McClure, and Stan Warfield. The music worship was led by Dr. Will Andress and Nora Figg served as Pianist. Estelle Dameron presented the special emphasis on the Reading Program and the Audio-Visuals were shown by Eleine Phillips. Eula Wyatt and Audrey Alexander served as School Nurses. Morning Devotions were given by ministers of the Shreveport area. These were ecumenical.

Each School celebrated a "Fun Night" with participants dressed in Pacific Islands attire. Music was presented by a local group who sang excerpts from "South Pacific."

The participants took part in Prayer Walks, used the two Meditation Rooms, joined the Choir led by Dr. Andress, studied in the Resource/Learning Center, and partook of Centenary College's wonderful hospitality and excellent food.

Each of the Schools ended on a high note with the service of Holy Communion in Brown Chapel.

Margaret Bryan and all her fine School Committee are to be congratulated for these excellent Schools!

Wanted!!!

The Conference is most anxious to have a complete and up-to-date list of all the former national and world missionaries who are now residing in Louisiana. If you are in this category, or know of someone who is, would you please send their name and complete mailing address to our Conference President:

Mrs. Nell Read
P. O. Box 71
Farmerville, Louisiana 71241

Do this right away, as we would like to invite them as our special guests to this our "Global" oriented Annual Meeting.

Local Presidents of United Methodist Women Units are reminded that they have been asked to see to it that all college students from your local churches should have notice of their attendance at college sent to the Wesley Foundation Directors of said colleges. In order to accomplish this, you are asked to send their names, addresses, and colleges they are to attend to Rev. Donald Cottrill
Box 1349
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

He will then forward them to the Wesley Foundation Director at each college. This is very important, so that we can keep a link with our youth as they leave their homes for the first time and join the 'larger world.'

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"ROADS TO SHALOM"

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RETREAT
MARCH 18, 19, 20, 1983
SEASHORE ASSEMBLY GROUNDS
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

Elise Eslinger
Retreat Leader

Carol Winn
Retreat Celebrant

"Teach and help one another along the right road with your psalms and hymns and Christian songs, singing God's praises with joyful hearts." *Colossians 3:16, Phillips' Trans.*

A retreat, in the tradition of the Louisiana Conference, is a special time apart with a theme and a purpose. This year, our Conference Retreat, using the theme, **"ROADS TO SHALOM,"** will explore our individual paths of entry into the faith and our growth through knowledge and experience of other pathways of faith. Our shalom (wholeness) can come about when we, as disciples, bring these roads together, and renew our common bond and commitment through worship. As we celebrate God-with-us through singing, praying, sharing scripture and Holy Communion, we see the connection between God's vision for the world and the actions which bring the vision to reality. Read Luke 4:18 RSV.

Leading our retreat will be Elise Shoemaker Eslinger, whom many of you met when she directed the Music and Worship for our 1978 Conference School of Christian Mission. Elise, the former Director of Worship and Culture for the General Board of Discipleship, is currently serving as constultant for that Section of Worship and as consultant in Music and Spiritual Formation for The Upper Room, Board of Discipleship. She is an accomplished musician and formerly directed the eleven choirs of First United Methodist Church, Conway, Arkansas. Beside her active engagement in field work and field events for the Board, Elise has served as editor for three upcoming publications: "The Upper Room Worshipbook"; "Songs of Shalom", and "Celebremos." Elise, her husband, Dr. Richard Eslinger, and three children, Crispin, David and Catherine reside in Nashville, Tennessee.

Acting as program liaison person between our leader and the retreat task group and also serving as Retreat Celebrant is the Reverend Carol Susan Winn of New Orleans. Carol, who received her Master of Theology from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University in 1978 and was ordained an Elder in 1979, served the Lutcher-New River Charge from 1978-1981. In June of '81, she became the Wesley Campus Minister for three commuter colleges — UNO, SUNO, and Delgado in New Orleans. Here she began "living life in the fast lane," as she puts it. We in the Louisiana Conference have appreciated Carol's outstanding contribution to United Methodist Women through her participation in such programs as the Legislative Training Event and the Christian Social Responsibility Interpretation Workshop. Carol and her husband, the Reverend Stephen C. Fleming, are the parents of an infant son, Luke Winn Fleming.

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE METHODIST ASSEMBLY GROUNDS are made available to us by the Mississippi Conferences of the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women and Leggett Memorial United Methodist Church.

Linens are provided in the motel-type rooms. You may wish to bring your own pillow and something to sit upon out of doors. Comfortable clothes and walking shoes are a must. A flashlight would be helpful going to and fro in the evening.

ALL RETREATANTS are expected to stay on the Assembly Grounds and participate in the entire retreat. Please plan to eat all meals in the cafeteria and do not plan any other activities during the scheduled time.

You will want to bring your Bible, notebook and a copy of Sisters and Brothers Sing, if you have one.

UPON ARRIVAL check in at the lounge in Arlean Hall, the red brick building on the right. You will be expected between 3:00 and 5:00 o'clock on Friday the 18th and will receive your material, schedule and room assignment at that time.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY — the Arlean Hall phone number is (601) 432-1761.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

We suggest you take the most direct route from your location to the junction of Interstate Highways 10, 12 and 59, just northeast of Slidell. At that junction take I-10 East toward Bay St. Louis, MS. Stay on I-10 East past Gulfport. Take the I-110 South Exit to the right. This exit is marked Biloxi Beaches, Keesler Air Force Base. Continue south 4.4 miles until you reach the Coast Road — Highway 90. At that junction turn right and proceed west for 1.7 miles. On the right at Chalmers Street is Seashore Methodist Assembly.

PERSONAL RETREAT PREPARATION

Whether you will be physically present at the Assembly Grounds or participating at home, you will want to reread as many of the Psalms as possible beforehand. They will be an integral part of the worship in their written form as well as being set to music.

At Home Retreatants will receive the same program schedule and literature as those in Biloxi so that all may be together in the Spirit, doing much the same things at the same times.

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READING PROGRAM

We, as women committed to mission, are convinced that reading and study are necessary preparations for each woman in every local unit if we want to continually expand our concepts of mission.

It was with that thought in mind that A Reading Program Brochure for the Conference was written in 1982. This Brochure is a supplement to that of the Women's Division Booklet (No. 5364) and should be used in that manner. Also, its reporting schedule now coincides with the Women's Division which is published for the calendar year.

Since the focus of the Reading Program is primarily on the individual reader in the local unit, we have great expectations for an increase in participation from the women locally, across the conference. Indeed, we are excited about this renewed emphasis on the Reading Program.

Recognition will not be made during Annual Meeting as it has been in the past. It will now be made within each District. You are asked to use the method for reporting that is printed in the Supplementary Brochure. Be sure to have the report reach the Conference Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood (Mrs. Ola Fisher, P. O. Box 686, Clinton LA 70722), not later than June 30, 1983.

Additional copies of the Supplementary Brochure may be secured from the Conference Secretary of Program Resources (Mrs. Sara Fugler, P. O. Box 144, Greensburg, LA 70441).

HAPPY READING! ! !

Ola Fisher

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT! ! !

Greetings to each of you United Methodist Women who are faithfully following Christ as we seek to be more effective witnesses in His service.

We have recently experienced the inspirational season of celebrating Christ's birth, been called to evaluate our work of the past year, and feel inspired to fill each new day of life with service to our Lord.

My heart is grateful for the prayer, study, and action programs you do in local units. Our goals for the new year have been prayerfully drawn to guide us in worthwhile programs. I pray God's guidance as we try to implement our purpose in a spirit of unity. Surely, the peace we seek globally must begin in our own hearts and lives.

Our new officers have received help and inspiration from Women's Division leadership training. Jackie Morgan, Norma Winegeart, Wanda Nelson, and Taylor Phillip will want to be sharing these experiences with us.

Local units will be incorporating action programs from some of our workshops of last year, while looking ahead to the opportunities planned for us in 1983. Our studies are exciting. They call us to action. Remember to subscribe, read, and use RESPONSE magazine. It is a valuable resource.

In 1983, we will be making nominations for possible membership on the Women's Division. We are to select three women and one alternate. Will you, please, send names of your choices for candidates to me before February 11, 1983, when the Conference Executive Committee meets and votes on these nominees: You will then vote on them at annual meeting September 16-17, 1983. This process provides direct linkage between local units and the Women's Division which is the national policy making body for United Methodist Women.

May God guide us with His love.

Nell Read

Charter of Racial Justice Policies

The new Charter of Racial Policies was introduced at the Assembly of United Methodist Women in Louisville, Kentucky, in April of 1978. The Charter was ratified by Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women at the Annual Meeting held in Baton Rouge in September of that year. Following that action, the Charter was affirmed by all of the nine Districts and many local units. A Task Force of the Conference United Methodist Women proceeded with plans to implement the Charter. This Charter was also accepted by the 1980 General Conference of the United Methodist Church and is now a policy of the entire Church.

In 1981 a Standing Committee for the Implementation of the Charter of Racial Justice Policies was appointed by the Executive Committee of the Conference UMW. Members of this committee are: Amy Ward, Chairperson; Estelle Dameron, Co-Chairperson; Winderlean Lewis, Willie Mae Kimbrough, Mary Adele Compton, Elsie Terral, Maude Harris, Shirley Madden, Idella Sims, Sallie Nash, Erlene Bradford, and Nell Read. This committee has prepared a Booklet entitled, "Opening Doors to Racial-Ethnic Understanding." Members of this committee will visit all district executive committees to introduce the Booklet and provide copies for every local unit.

This Booklet is a reflection and action guide and was developed to help the Charter come alive for local units and to encourage its implementation. It includes a section for Bible study and provides basic background information. Suggested programs, activities, and resources included in this Booklet will be helpful to all local units. These Booklets will be available to you in your district this spring.

STOP THE PRESSES!

As we go to press, a call has come from our Conference Treasurer, Shirley Hoffpauir. Her news is SO good, we want to share it with all of you! Our Conference has OVERPAID its Pledge to Missions by $8,144.66. This is such a rewarding achievement, especially as Shirley completes her term as Conference Treasurer, a job she has done with such perfection. Her own local unit, St. Luke's United Methodist Women of Lake Charles, helped put our pledge over the top by sending $2,500.00, undesignated, profit they received from their book of devotions, "Reflections." Our total pledge was $204,450.00 and the Conference sent $212,594.66 on Pledge to Missions. The Districts Pledge to Missions has not subscribed the total Conference amount but because EACH District overpaid its pledge, we were able to achieve the above results. The amounts OVER the pledge in each district were as follows:

Alexandria District	$ 950.65	Monroe District	$3,134.31
Baton Rouge-Hammond	4,952.75	New Orleans-Houma	3,119.40
Baton Rouge-Lafayette	5,639.65	New Orleans-Slidell	4,295.11
Lake Charles	6,516.11	Ruston	4,555.78
Shreveport District	$10,617.20		

As we look with pride to this great report, we must pledge ourselves to an even better one for 1983.

"CALLED TO GROW"
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

"CALLED TO GROW" will be the theme on February 27, 1983, when all local units of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women celebrate **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY.** United Methodist Women will be participating in the services of the churches and engaging in other forms of membership emphasis. History will be celebrated with a look to the future. We are challenged to grow in numbers, to be a nurturing community, and to be a visible sign of new life in Christ (Col. 2:6-7). Suggestions for this celebration have been mailed to each unit. If this material was not received or further assistance is needed, contact Fran Hall, 1641 Avondale Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, telephone (504) 926-3969. Each District Chairperson of Membership will provide assistance.

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund, the Louisiana Conference United Women offers 20 scholarships to the 1983 School of Christian Mission, July 15-17 and 18-21. This has been made possible by the budgeting of local units on a continual basis and by special contributions. The Committee on Membership requests that the scholarships be offered early in order for persons to apply who might not otherwise consider the possibility of attending. The recipients will be announced in the May 1983 "School of Christian Mission" Newsletter.

The criteria for one of the Scholarships is a willingness to attend the week-end or week-day School. Applicant can be young, single, employed, student, retired, from a large or small unit. Non-members of United Methodist Women will also be considered. Applications must be mailed to Fran Hall, 1641 Avondale Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, by April 15, 1983.

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

District _____ Unit _____ (New?) Unit Membership _____

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____ Telephone No. _____

Applicant has ____ has not _____ attended School of Christian Mission before.

Applicant prefers to attend week-end School _____ week day School _____

Applicant's age grouping is:

Under 35 _____ 36-50 _____ 51 and above _____

Employed full time _____ Part time ____ Retired _____ Student _____ Homemaker _____

Age of Children: Pre-school _____ School ____ Not at home _____

Applicant's choice of study: "The World Uprooted" _____, "The Voices of Central Africa" _____. "The Gospel of Luke" will be taught for everyone.

Name of unit president or contact person: _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

To be filled by applicant on separate sheet:

I would like to attend School of Christian Mission because: _____

_____

REGISTRATION AND HOUSING FORM
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
1983 RETREAT
MARCH 18-19-20, 1983
Seashore Methodist Assembly, Biloxi, Mississippi

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ Zip_____

Phone No. ( )_____

Church_____

City_____

District_____

☐ First Floor Accomodations needed

☐ Retreat Fee - check enclosed for $55.00 made payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

Names of roommates requested:
(Check with them first!)

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RETREAT
REGISTRATION AND HOUSING INFORMATION

To register for the 1983 Retreat, fill in the form on the left, clip and send along with your check for $55.00 to:

Amy Ward
500 Walker Street
New Orleans, LA 70124

The $55.00 you send will be for two nights lodging, six meals in the cafeteria (Friday night supper through Sunday lunch), retreat material, travel insurance and a share in the overall expense.

ALL RETREATANTS are expected to stay on the Assembly Grounds. There are no accomodations for men. Rooms will be assigned as registrations are received. There is a limit of 150 in attendance. A 'waiting list' will be kept if necessary, and you will be notified. Substitutions may be made, but there will be NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 5.

Rooms for four persons share two beds and one bath. Rooms for three have three beds, but share the bath with another room of three. Select accordingly.

Indicate if first floor accomodations are needed, realizing that numerous requests may necessitate separating roommates.

REGISTRATION FORM
FOR –AT HOME RETREATANTS– ONLY

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ Zip_____

☐ At Home Fee – check enclosed for $2.00 made payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

AT HOME RETREATANTS INFORMATION

If you wish to participate at home, fill in the form to the left and mail along with your check for $2.00 to:

Anne C. Hearn
3857 N. Bluebonnet
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Mail in time to reach Anne by MARCH 5. Material and instructions wili be sent to you.

RETREAT TASK GROUP

Marian Eggerton, Chairperson
Amy Ward, Vice-Chairperson

Helen Brock
Nancy Carruth
Ola Fisher
Sara Fugler
Ida Griffin
Anne Hearn
Bea Morrow
Wanda Nelson
Nell Read
Linda Shepherd
Louise Thomas
Carol Winn

RETREAT NURSE
Terri Morris

IN MEMORIUM

It is with deep regret that we note the death of Lucile Baldwin Sexton, who died November 4 in her home in Shreveport, following a long illness. Mrs. Sexton, a former Louisiana Conference President was the first President of the South Central Jurisdiction and a member of the Women's Division of Christian Service. She had the unique privilege of being a member of five general conferences. A life-long Methodist, she served her church on all levels.

→ V. I. P. COMING ←

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 1983. WE HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON COMING TO LOUISIANA. YOU WILL SURELY WANT TO MEET OUR SPECIAL COMPANY AND JOIN IN THE BIG OCCASION. WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS LATER!

LOOKING AHEAD!!!

TWO IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission

Centenary College - - - Shreveport, Louisiana

School I – July 15-17, 1983
School II – July 18-21, 1983

Mrs. Johnnye Butler, Dean
Mrs. Lottie Palazzo, Assistant Dean

NOTE: Week-end School will run FIRST this year
Week-day School will begin Monday noon and end Thursday noon

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting

First United Methodist Church

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

September 16-17, 1983

Mrs. Helen Brock, Chairperson, Annual Meeting Program

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
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SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION – 1983

"Live Simply, Simply Live"

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me because. . ."
Luke 4:18

"LIVE SIMPLY, SIMPLY LIVE" is the theme chosen for the 1983 School of Christian Mission. The School has many rewarding aspects for mission, as it relates to its purpose and theme. This will be developed through special sessions dealing with "Live Simply, Simply Live," through the Fellowship Hour, directed by Lottie Palazzo; through music, led by Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Figg, and other special sessions.

The School Committee is delighted to have secured such a dynamic faculty. The School this year will offer many challenging and fruitful experiences. Everyone will participate in the study of Luke. . ."A Focus on Wholeness," led by Mrs. Mary Lou Blakeman. You will have the choice of one other study conducted by a superb teaching staff.

The schedule includes a "Fellowship Night" for both Schools, time for quiet or study, music interest groups, featured Audio-visuals of the day, and visiting the Learning Center or the Program Resource room. "First-Timers" will be welcomed at an orientation session at the beginning of each School.

You will want to arrive in time to register and have dinner before the opening session of the Weekend School at six o'clock, Friday evening, July 15. The Weekend School closes at noon on Sunday, July 17, and lunch is not included in the meal ticket. The Weekday School begins with registration at 8:30, Monday morning, July 18. Following lunch, the opening plenary will be held at 1:00 P.M., in Kilpatrick Auditorium in Smith Building. Orientation for "First-Timers" will start at 4:30 P.M. in James Dormitory. The School concludes at noon on Thursday, July 21, and lunch is not included in the meal ticket.

It is our desire that each unit have representation at this 1983 School. You are urged to take advantage of the Conference and District scholarships offered. The School of Christian Mission is the primary source of mission education in the United Methodist Church, and ALL are urged to attend.

Johnnye Butler. . .Dean of 1983 School

Mrs. Nell Read
Conference President

Mrs. Johnnye Butler
Dean of 1983 School

Mrs. Lottie Palazzo
Assistant Dean of 1983 School

MUSIC

Music is always a special feature in our school. This year, music will offer many varied inspirational songs as well as many experiences in various settings. The School Cornmittee feels very fortunate to have secured a rich and dynamic music team. . .Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Figg. Dr. Figg will serve as the Music Director, and Mrs. Figg will serve as pianist. You will remember that Norah served as our pianist last year and how delighted we are to have her coming to us again this year. The Figgs will bring with them special talents, experience, and leadership. We are looking forward to our music program. Dr. Figg received his Bachelor of Music degree from Oklahoma City University, and subsequent degrees from University of Illinois and North Texas State University. He has taught at several high schools and universities in Texas, Oklahoma, Kentucky, and is presently Assistant Professor at L.S.U. in Baton Rouge. Dr. Figg has also performed and conducted in many musical productions. At L.S.U. he is teaching voice, choral conducting and choral literature. He also conducts the Women's and the University Choruses. Mrs. Figg holds B.M. and M.M. degrees from Morehead State University in Kentucky. She has served on the staff of various churches, mostly as organist. She is presently an Elementary Music Teacher in Baton Rouge and is Director of the Children's and Youth Choirs of First United Methodist Church there.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Figg

Our music coordinator, Audrey Milo, states that "The Songs of Zion", companion to the Book of Hymns, will be used at both Schools of Mission. "Sisters and Brothers" will also be used. If you have copies of these, please bring them. There will be a "Community Sing" each evening in the lobby of James Dormitory. You are invited to come learn some new songs and enjoy some old favorites.

We are pleased to inform you of another honor that has come to our own Virginia Laskey. Following the recent renovation of Alma Mathews House, one of the Conference Rooms was named for Mrs. Laskey, a former President of the Women's Division. The House is now being used as a housing and meeting facility for the Women's Division. Our congratulations go to Virginia for this new honor.

AUDIO VISUALS

Our audio visuals will again be presented by Eleine Phillips. She comes to us from Kansas having served in the Kansas West Conference U.M.W. in Global Concern work and also in Christian Social Involvement. She is an experienced projectionist and we deeply appreciate Eleine participating with us in our Schools. She has written to us as follows:

> "I am one "teacher" who comes back year after year as this is my fifth year to serve as your audio visualist. Many good things have happened during the years I have served in Regional, Conference, District and local positions in the United Methodist Women. I believe the most rewarding now is the privilege of having the freedom to choose and show films that will enrich our mission studies in our Schools of Christian Mission. So, let's not just view another film, but realize that it is being shown for the purpose of affecting our attitudes and expanding our knowledge of the world and its people. 'Study to show yourself approved unto God,' whether it be through books you are reading, teachers who are presenting, or films you are viewing. Yours in Christian Love, Eleine"

Eleine Phillips

STAFF – 1983 SCHOOLS

Dean	Johnnye Butler
Assistant Dean	Lottie Palazzo
Secretary	Evelyn Evans
Treasurer	Wanda Nelson & Shirley Hoffpauir
Registrar	Amy Ward
Housing	Ella Mae Custer
Courtesy and Local Arrangements	Dorothy Thomas & Linda Sheppard
Program Materials	Sarah Fugler
Music Coordinator	Audrey Milo
Devotion Coordinator	Ola Fisher
Publicity	Nancy Carruth
Resource/Learning	Fran Hall & Marian Eggerton
Audio Visuals	Taylor Phillips
Evaluations	Nell Read
Committee Members	Anne Hearn, Estelle Dameron & Norma Winegeart

Our special offering to be received at each School has been designated for a Hunger Project through the Women's Division.

WEEK–END SCHOOL JULY 15-17, 1983 ~ WEEK–DAY SCHOOL JULY 18-21, 1983

FRIDAY JULY 15	SATURDAY JULY 16	SUNDAY JULY 17	MONDAY JULY 18	TUESDAY JULY 19	WEDNESDAY JULY 20	THURSDAY JULY 21
	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:15 - 10:45 Class 11:00 - 12:00 Special Emphasis	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:15 - 9:45 Class 10:45 - 11:45 Luke Closing	8:30 - 12:00 Registration James Dorm Visit: Resource/ Learning Center or Program Resource Room	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:30 - 9:45 Class 10:00 - 12:00 Luke	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:30 - 9:45 Class 10:00 - 12:00 Luke	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:30 - 10:00 Class 10:15 Luke
	12:00 LUNCH	WEEK-END SCHOOL CLOSES	12:00 LUNCH	12:00 LUNCH	12:00 LUNCH	WEEK-DAY SCHOOL CLOSES
2:00 - 4:30 Registration James Dorm Visit: Resource/ Learning Center or Program Resource Room 4:30 - 5:00 Orientation for First-Timers	1:30 - 3:30 Luke 3:45 - 5:00 Visit Resource Learning Center Program Resource Room Audio/Visuals		1:00 - 2:15 Special Emphasis 2:30 - 4:30 Luke 4:30 - 5:00 Orientation for First-Timers	1:00 - 2:00 Quiet/Study Time 2:00 - 3:30 Class 3:45 - 5:00 Resource Learning Center or Audio/Visuals	1:00 - 2:00 Quiet/Study Time 2:00 - 3:30 Class 3:45 - 5:00 Resource Learning Center or Audio/Visuals	
5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER		5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER	
6:00 - 7:15 Special Emphasis 7:30 - 9:00 Luke	6:00 - 6:30 Prayer Walk 6:30 - 8:30 Class Fellowship Evening		6:00 - 6:30 Prayer Walk 6:30 - 8:30 Class	6:00 - 6:30 Prayer Walk 6:30 - 8:30 Special Emphasis Fellowship Evening	6:00 - 6:30 Prayer Walk 6:30 - 8:30 Class	

In keeping with the theme of this year's School, our evening together will not be called "Fun Night." Instead, it will be a simple time of fellowship. Each District is asked to bring the cost of whatever refreshments they would have been asked to bring. This will take the form of a symbolic offering to combat World Hunger. While no costumes are planned, all are encouraged to dress in a simple representation of either the displaced persons of the world or the people of Central Africa. We feel this will be a meaningful experience for all participants.

LIVE SIMPLY – SIMPLY LIVE! ! !

FLASH! ! !

There are Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarships still available. Why don't you encourage some one from your unit to apply? Mail to Fran Hall, 1641 Avondale Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 – IMMEDIATELY!

What is School of Christian Mission for You??????????????

For Lynn Foil, this is what it was:

"School of Christian Mission" is a time. . .It was a time for me to delegate things that needed to be done, during the week that I was away, to the rest of the family. If you live alone you would have to either do those things first or take the time to do them when you came home.

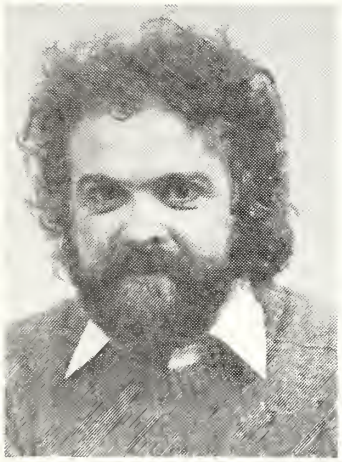
It was a week of our lives that we had chosen to give to ourselves; to the School of Christian Mission.

It was a time of fun on the highway as we got lost, and a time of concern as we rode through some really hard rain making visibility very poor.

It was a time of tiredness--and a time of rest.
It was a time of fun---and a time of sorrow.
It was a time of fellowship--and a time to be alone.
It was a time for a luau--and a time for a prayer walk.
It was a time of concern, for Anne Hearn's Mother and Audrey Milo's trauma and a time of eating together in the cafeteria.
It was a time of studying--and a time of sharing ideas with your roommate.
It was a time of resource tables and displays---and a time of Communion.
But most of all, it was just what it was meant to be---A time of Education. A learning experience not like any other. I decided to take this time for myself again this summer. Now I am asking you. "Won't you take the time and come along with me?"

INTRODUCING 1983 SCHOOL C

for: "THE WORLD'S UPROOTED"



David Billings is Executive Secretary, the Office of Technical Assistance, for the Program Unit of Institutional and Voluntary Ministries, National Division, General Board of Global Ministries. He was born in McComb, Mississippi and attended undergraudate school at the University of Mississippi, graduating in 1968 with honors. While there, Mr. Billings was awarded a Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship. His seminary training was at New York Theological Seminary and Vanderbilt Divinity School. He was Executive Director of St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans and served also as pastor of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. He is married and has three children. He now resides in Brooklyn, New York.

Florence Isaacs grew up in a parsonage in Vermont. She graduated from the University of Vermont with honors, majoring in Home Economics and music. She is presently church organist, and piano and organ teacher. She has been a member of the General Board of Global Ministries, Women's Division and Interreligious and Ecumenical Concerns. She is now serving as mission interpreter for the Board and interpreter for United Nations programs related to the Women's Division. She is currently involved in Legislative Training Events and World Development Workshops. She and her husband have two sons and one granddaughter.

for: "

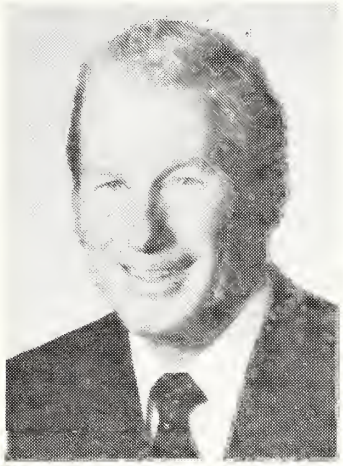
The Rev. Roy Katayama is Executive Secretary for World Division Cultivation. He serves in the General Board of Global Ministries, providing local churches with information on World Division projects they support through the Advance giving. He previously served with UMCOR. He was pastor of a Japanese congregation in Denver and has served on the General Conference's Commission on Religion and Race. He was born in Long Beach, California, educated at McKendree College, Illinois and Garrett Theological Seminary. He is married and has two children.

Mary Lou Blakeman was born in Sulphur, Louisiana, and educated at Centenary College. She attended Perkins School of Theology and is married to a United Methodist minister. They have three children. She has held various offices in U.M.W. and is presently serving as Conference Historian. Mary Lou has also served as a National Reading Program Evaluator. She has been a delegate to Annual Conference and is currently serving on the Conference Board of Discipleship. She is active in public school and community activities. Her interests lie in working with stained glass.

CHRISTIAN MISSION TEACHERS

for: "VOICES OF CENTRAL AFRICA"

Leora Trice was born in Dallas, Texas; educated in the public schools there and graduated from S.M.U. with a degree in Journalism. She did graduate study at L.S.U. and has taught in Conference Schools of Christian Mission in Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, and Louisiana. Leora is a former Conference and District officer in U.M.W. She has served as a substitute teacher in Dallas high schools and is presently librarian for the Resource Center of the North Texas Conference. The widow of a United Methodist minister, she has two daughters.



Robert Storey was born in Alabama; educated at Tuscaloosa High School, University of Alabama, and Vanderbilt Divinity School. He has served pastorates in Alabama and is currently serving as Director of United Methodist Communications in the West Ohio Conference. Bob has taught in Schools of Christian Mission in West Ohio Conference and also in our own, and we welcome him back for a second year. He has a son and one grandchild.

JKE"

Geneva Belton Williams, the first black Diaconal Minister in the South Carolina Conference, is a graudate of the School of Music, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. She continued her studies in Religion and Music at Boston University, Eastman School of Music and Indiana. Her ministerial studies were taken at Emory, Scarritt, Garrett, and Lutheran Southern. Mrs. Williams traveled extensively with her late husband and has devoted much to the mission and responsibilities of the church. She presently serves as Conference Lay Speaker, Conference Director of Music, and Chairperson of the Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

1983 GOALS

in 1981-1984 Quadrennium

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE – UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

I. EMPHASIZE THE BIBLICAL BASIS AND MANDATE FOR MISSION, AND PROVIDE INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION FOR LOCAL UNITS TO BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SPECIFIC MISSION ENDEAVORS BY DECEMBER 1984 BY:

A. increasing commitment and concern for peace with justice for all persons with each local unit presenting a program by December 1983.

B. having a mission bulletin board in each local church for information and up-date.

C. promoting "The Excellence of Studies Program" for disciplined Bible study and mission education.

D. encouraging each local unit to send at least one person to the Conference School of Christian Mission.

II. IMPLEMENT THE CHARTER OF RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES BY:

A. itinerating the nine districts introducing "Opening Doors to Racial/Ethnic Understanding."

B. increasing efforts to recruit black and other ethnic minority leadership.

III. CELEBRATE OUR CENTENNIAL ERA WITH SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP EMPHASIS BY:

A. encouraging each local unit to increase membership by 10% during 1983.

B. observing United Methodist Women's Sunday using "Called to Grow" theme and materials.

C. organizing at least one new unit in each district by December 1983.

IV. EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR GOOD STEWARDSHIP BY:

A. encouraging each local unit to increase the pledge to mission by at least 5% and try to meet a goal of 10% increase.

B. giving local women information on how their mission dollars are spent.

C. presenting a follow-up on the Financial Promotion Workshop in each district.

V. PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL LEARNING/GROWING EXPERIENCES:

A. National Seminar, August 12-19, 1983; with subsequent follow-up in conference and districts.

B. Conference Leadership Workshop, January 27-28-29, 1984.

C. Conference Christian Disciplines Workshop, February 22-23-24, 1985.

D. Conference United Methodist Women's Retreat, 1985.

VI. ENCOURAGE ONGOING EMPHASES BY:

A. presenting a follow-up on World Development Workshop in each district.

B. promoting Estelle Dameron Scholarships, giving at least 20 scholarships for 1983 School of Christian Mission.

C. continuing supportive contacts with missionaries and deaconesses related to the Louisiana Conference.

D. continuing to promote the Reading Program with special emphasis on ethnic minority material.

REGISTRATION FORM

Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

Check School attending:
School I (Week-end) July 15-17, 1983 ( )
School II (Week-day) July 18-21, 1983 ( )

Name_____

Address_____

_____ Zip_____

Church_____ District_____

Studies
Everyone participates in Bible study of Luke
Choose one of following:
The World's Uprooted ( ) Central Africa ( )

Address if not staying on campus — Phone_____

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HOUSING

Name_____

Address_____

_____ Zip_____

Roommate preferred_____
(please submit together if possible)

First Floor necessary_____
(limited number available)

Arriving: Date_____ Time_____

School I_____ School II_____

Send this entire form (registration and housing) with check payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women for REGISTRATION FEE ONLY.

Attending one school - $8.50
Attending two schools - $10.00
(No registration refund after July 6th)

Attending school for first time -- Yes ( ) No ( )

Registrar: Amy Ward
500 Walker Street
New Orleans, LA 70124

GENERAL INFORMATION
OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

The School of Christian Mission will be held on the campus of Centenary College, with special two-fold emphasis: the global mission of the church and responsibility of Christians within it; and the training of leadership and membership for promotion and interpretation of the purpose and the total program of United Methodist Women. These are implemented through an integrated program of mission education, spiritual renewal, and program planning. During the School, the designated areas of study will include "Luke", "Voices of Central Africa", and "The World's Uprooted".

PREPARATION

Each participant will get to take two classes. ALL will participate in the study of "Luke". Be sure to indicate your choice of one of the other two studies on your registration form. All texts and resource books may be ordered from: SERVICE CENTER
7820 Reading Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45237
Watch for special issues of RESPONSE and NEW WORLD OUTLOOK. Try to read the text before coming to School.

"THE WORLD'S UPROOTED"

No Place Left Called Home	$5.50
Study Guide: Finding Home	4.95

"CENTRAL AFRICA"

Journey of Struggle, Journey in Hope	$5.50
Study Guide: Joining the Journey	6.95

"LUKE"

The Great Physician	$1.50

HOUSING

Reservations in housing will be available on an individual basis, dormitory style. Bring bed linens, pillow, blanket, and towels. Come prepared for rain. Dormitories are air-conditioned, so you may need a sweater. Bring clothes hangers and good walking shoes. Register EARLY. This is especially important if you have special needs because of health problems. Check with person you list as preferred roommate before sending in your registration.

Cost of Housing and Food

—Week End—		—Week Day—	
Meals	$15.75 (5 meals)	Meals	$28.50 (9 meals)
Housing	20.00 (2 nights)	Housing	30.00 (3 nights)
Total	$35.75	Total	$58.50

LEARNING CENTER

Each year the Learning Center with its many displays of craft, learning resources and helpful study materials has grown in popularity. Fran Hall and Marian Eggerton will be in charge of the Center.

AUDIO VISUALS

The audio visuals are an important part of the School and many look forward to the opportunity of seeing new audio visuals. Eleine Phillips is responsible for these.

PROGRAM RESOURCE

Each school year the Resource Room is filled with all types of information concerning the United Methodist Women's program and all the materials and textbooks for our studies. Sarah Fugler is in charge.

NURSES

Our nurses for the Schools will be Maudry Carmouche for the Week End School and Eula Wyatt for the Week Day School. We thank these ladies in advance for accepting this responsibility.

YOUR ADDRESS ON CAMPUS (during Schools):
James Dormitory
P. O. Box 4188
Centenary College
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104
Telephone Number: (318) 869-5313

A BANNER MEETING
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
ANNUAL MEETING

First United Methodist Church
Baton Rouge
September 16-17, 1983

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Exciting plans are being developed to make the 1983 Conference Annual Meeting a memorable occasion in which you will surely want to partticipate.

We will celebrate our Centennial Era, marking the organization of women in mission in The United Methodist Church since 1869.

The purpose of the Centennial Celebration is to encourage growth in the understanding that UNITED METHODIST WOMEN has been, is, and will continue to be a necessity in the lives of women in the church and in the ministry of the church in the world.

Mrs. Ruth A. Daugherty, President of the Women's Division, will be our guest speaker.

Watch for your Conference Newsletter in August for details on registration, housing and banquet (Baton Rouge Hilton Hotel), and program.

Helen Brock, Chairperson
Task Group on Annual Meeting Program

— ATTENTION - LOCAL UNITS —

This year, at the Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women, we will celebrate the Centennial Era (1869-1893) of the several groups of women organized for mission who eventually became United Methodist Women. As a part of that celebration, we are asking Local Units to participate in the following ways

1. If your unit has a written history-or one that is in the beginning stages-please bring that with you to the Annual Meeting for display in the Centennial Room.

2. Select one or more women who have helped form the history of your group-who have contributed in significant ways to the unit's growth and development in mission understanding and service. Mount the pictures of these women and a brief biographical sketch, including dates, on a regular poster and bring to the Annual Meeting for the Centennial display.

"ROADS TO SHALOM"

1983 Conference Retreat

One hundred forty-eight persons participated in the retreat held at Seashore Methodist Assembly, March 18-20; and an unprecedented one hundred sixty-one participated at home. Elise Eslinger and Carol Winn joined their talents and understanding of the faith to lead us in five dynamic sessions.

Thanks to the nine districts, we enjoyed being treated to cookies at no expense to the budget, and Wanda Nelson's garden flowers added the warm beauty of the spring season.

We urge those who attended to tell the story of Ou Dong, the bells and the work of Church World Service. And remember, you have a list of resources, and where to secure them, printed in the back of your program book.

SHALOM,

Marian Eggerton
Chairperson of 1983 Conference Retreat

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"Committed to Mission Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow"

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
September 16-17, 1983

Ruth Daugherty
President of the Women's Division

First United Methodist Church
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene at 12:50 P.M. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on Friday, September 16, 1983. Since this is the beginning of our Centennial Celebration, a processional of dignitaries and banners will herald the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. Nell Read, Conference President, will preside over the meeting and participants will be welcomed by Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Senior Pastor; Janelle McCammon, Baton Rouge-Lafayette District President; and Cooky Coffey, Local President.

Helen Brock of Baton Rouge is Chairperson of the Annual Meeting Program and the speaker, this year, will be Ruth Daugherty, President of the Women's Division.

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women are invited to attend the Tenth Annual Meeting, September 16-17, 1983, to be held at First United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. Registration will be from 9:00 a.m. until noon, Friday.

The voting membership (delegates) will be composed of the following persons: members of the conference executive committee; district officers; presidents and chairpersons of the former Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds of the former Conferences A and B, and their predecessor organizations. Local units shall be represented at the annual meeting on the basis of one delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof, providing that every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership shall be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the Conference President 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. (Standing rules of the Organization).

Each registered guest is covered by insurance through the conference from the time of departure for the event until returning home, which is the reason that everyone attending must pay the registration fee. The insurance fee, cost of the packets, cost of speaker and general expenses of the meeting are partially covered by this registration fee.

Baton Rouge-Lafayette District United Methodist Women will furnish lunch on Friday and Saturday; also juice, coffee, and rolls on Saturday morning - at no cost to the meeting participants. Local and district women are preparing in every way to make us welcome and comfortable. We appreciate their generous hospitality.

This will be a gala event, marking the beginning of our Centennial Era Celebration. We are honored to have as our special guest, the President of the Women's Division, Ruth Daugherty.

Let us prayerfully prepare and come expecting to expand our spiritual horizons.

Nell Read, Conference President

"Let your light so shine. . ."

We shall endeavor to do this again, as we burn the Mission Candles at Annual Meeting, September 16 and 17. The large Heritage Candle will burn as a Memorial to those who have gone before us; a smaller candle placed to the left will honor those who are presently serving; and one to the right will be symbolic of those young persons in our families who are our hope for the future.

The use of the Mission Candles is especially meaningful as we celebrate 100 years of commitment to mission. The cost of support for mission work this year is $30.92 a minute. It would indeed be an extraordinary expression of our dedication to receive sufficient gifts to enable the candles to burn throughout our Centennial Celebration Meeting.

As in recent years, you may submit names to be honored and these will be inscribed in the book displayed with the candles. Send your contributions to the Conference Treasurer no later than September 10. Your gifts will be sent, undesignated, to the Women's Division and thus help us to meet our pledge of $204,500.00 again this year! Help us keep the candles burning throughout the entire meeting.

Our offering, taken at Annual Meeting each year, represents an opportunity for us to go the second mile in sharing our many gifts with those in need. This year, the offering will be divided between the National Division projects located in Louisiana and the Centennial Celebration Fund.

You are aware of the need and the vital ministry in progress at MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services, St. Mark's Community Center, Peoples' Community Center and Dulac Community Center.

Gifts to the Centennial Celebration Fund will be used to address the needs of women and children, a concern of our organization since its inception. As we will be celebrating our Centennial at this meeting, this is an appropriate time to contribute to the Fund. Let us show our gratitude to God for his bountiful blessings to us by helping minister to "the least of these."

Wanda B. Nelson, Conference Treasurer

ELECTION

The election of officers at Annual Meeting will take place on Friday afternoon. In keeping with our Conference Rules, we herewith submit the list of nominees for your consideration:

President:
Nell Read
P. O. Box 71
Farmerville, LA 71241

Secretary:
Evelyn Evans
100 St. Clair Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457

Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns:
Anne Hearn
3857 N. Bluebonnet Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Secretary of Program Resources:
Lueburda Myers
333 Holcomb Drive
Shreveport, LA 71103

Chairperson, Committee on Membership:
Fran Hall
1641 Avondale Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Chairperson, Committee on Nominations:
Dorothy Abraham
601 N. Cherry
Lake Charles, LA 70601

New Members to Nominating Committee, Elected for a Three Year Term:
Virginia Aswell
2641 Hudson Place
New Orleans, LA 70114

Emily Wiley
132 Catherine Street
Lafayette, LA 70503

Jonelle Walker
P. O. Box 722
Jena, LA 71342

We shall also elect nominees to the Women's Division and Jurisdiction Meeting. The following are submitted by the Conference Executive Committee:

Nominees to Women's Division:
1. Janelle McCammon
2. Elizabeth N. Thomas
3. Anne C. Hearn

Alternate: Ola B. Fisher

Nominees for Election to Jurisdiction Meeting:
1. Nell Read
2. Fran Hall
3. Wanda Nelson
4. Taylor Phillip
5. Norma Winegeart
6. Evelyn Evans

Alternates: 1. Lottie Palazzo
2. Ola B. Fisher

HOUSING INFORMATION

BATON ROUGE HILTON (I-10/College Drive)
Headquarters Hotel
Attention: Ms. Pat Daniel
5500 Hilton Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
(800) 562-9045 (toll-free) - before 5:30 P.M.
(504) 924-5000 (direct to hotel)
Rate and room availability guaranteed only until Sept. 1
$54.00 per room (1-2 in room)
58.00 per room (3-4 in room)

Rate after September 1 (availability not guaranteed):
$68.00 per room (1 person in room)
82.00 per room (2, 3 or 4 in room)

HOWARD JOHNSON'S EAST (I-10/College Drive)
Attention: Ms. Rachel Coates
2365 College Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
(800) 654-2000 (toll-free)
(504) 925-2451 (direct to hotel)
Rate: $40.00 per room (1-4 in room)

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION WITH THE HOTEL AND:

(1) indicate that you are with the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. The rooms being held for us are reserved in the name of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. The rates quoted above apply only with United Methodist Women identification.

—NOTE DEADLINE FOR HILTON RESERVATION—

(2) inform the hotel of the person(s) with whom you plan to share a room.

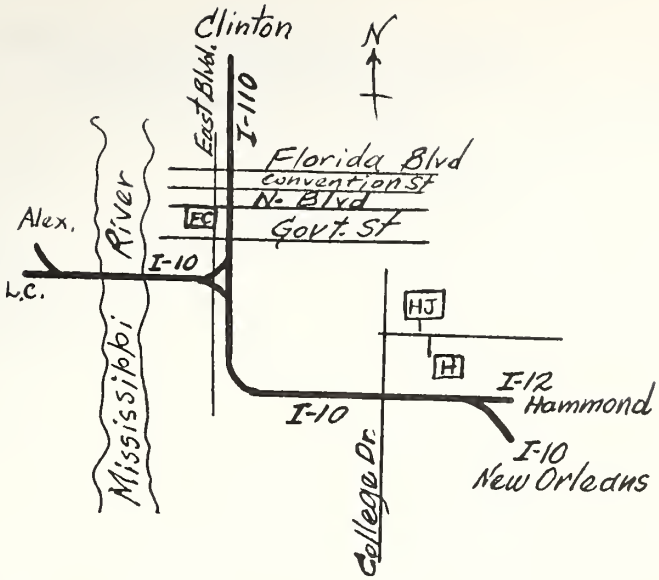
BANQUET INFORMATION -and- FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The banquet and session on Friday evening will be held at the BATON ROUGE HILTON, but reservation for the banquet cannot be made with the Hilton. Banquet ticket must be reserved and purchased by sending the $12.00 cost along with your registration fee of $3.00 (total $15.00) and your completed Registration Form (in this Newsletter) to Mrs. Edna Wilson. BANQUET RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY SEPTEMBER 1. No refunds can be made after September 1, but alternates may be substituted. Only 700 reservations can be accepted: so be prompt!

When you arrive at the church Friday morning to register, you will receive your banquet ticket along with your registration packet. If you do not arrive until Friday evening, just in time for the banquet, you may secure your registration packet and banquet ticket at a registration table which will be set up at the Hilton only that evening for that purpose.

The Friday evening session will be held at the HILTON immediately following the banquet.

LOCAL COMMITTEE
Front Row: Sandra Loy, Cooky Coffey, Linda McNabb
Back Row: Barbara Woods, Molly McKenzie, Karen Byrd, Elizabeth Scott



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- From S. or E. use either Exit

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HJ Howard Johnson's
To Hilton and Howard Johnson's
- use College Dr. Exit

You are cordially invited
to visit
THE LOUISIANA AREA OFFICES BUILDING
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Friday - September 16, 1983
9:30-11:30 A.M.

BISHOP J. KENNETH SHAMBLIN
Bishop of the Louisiana Area

Dr. Harvey Williamson
Director of Conference Program

Nancy Carruth and Inez Chrisentery
United Methodist Women
Hostesses

PROGRAM
"COMMITTED TO MISSION—YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW"

Friday, September 16, 1983

12:50 Organ Prelude . . . . . Melvin Ballard
The Centennial Processional
Convening of Annual Meeting . . . . . Nell Read
Opening Worship . . . . . Anne Hearn
Lighting of Mission Candles . . . . . Barbara Hamilton
Welcome . . . . . Cooky Coffey
Janelle McCammon
Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn
Presentation of Program . . . . . Helen Brock
"What's Your Response?" . . . . . Sara Fugler
President's Message . . . . . Nell Read
Business:
Appointment of Committees
Recommendations from Exec. Comm. . . . . Evelyn Evans
Report of Treasurer
Presentation & Adoption of '84 Budget . . . Wanda Nelson
Report of Comm. on Nominations . . . . . Jackie Morgan
Election of Conference Officers
Election of Nominees to Women's Division
Election of Delegates to Jurisdiction U.M.W. Meeting
Presentation of National Division Project Directors
"Tea 'N Talk" . . . . . Conference Officers

Friday Evening - The Baton Rouge Hilton Hotel
6:00 P.M. - DINNER
Blessing . . . . . Audrey Milo
Service of Recognition . . . . . Estelle Dameron
Honoring Virginia Laskey and Other Leaders
Special Music . . . . . Ardessie Prophet
Helen Brock
Introduction of Speaker . . . . . Nell Read
Address: "Let There Be. . .Women in Mission"
Ruth Daughterty
Benediction . . . . . Dr. M. T. Jackson, Sr.

Saturday, September 17, 1983

7:15 Continental Breakfast
7:45 Press Conference with President Daugherty
8:25 Organ Prelude . . . . . Mary Poole
Morning Worship . . . . . Ola Fisher
Clown Ministry . . . . . First U.M.C.
Glynda Stephenson and Willis Dear, Directors
Special Music . . . . . Camphor U.M.C. Chancel Choir
Kathleen Hutcherson, Director
Out-of-Conference Events . . . . . Norma Winegeart
National Division Projects . . . . . Anne Hearn
National Impact Conference . . . . . Taylor Phillip
Presidents' Consultation . . . . . Evelyn Evans
World Federation of Methodist Women
and C.W.U. . . . . Lottie Palazzo
National Seminar . . . . . Bea Morrow
Membership — A Centennial Emphasis . . . . . Fran Hall
Report of Registration . . . . . Edna Wilson
Invitation to 1984 Con. Annual Meeting
Pledge Service: "Building on the Legacy" . . . . Wanda Nelson
and District Treasurers
Offertory
Installation of New Conference Officers . . . Ruth Daugherty
Music for Reflection . . . . . The Ringers;Univ. U.M.C.
Madeline Woodland, Director
Service of Holy Communion . . . Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin
Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn
Dr. M. T. Jackson, Sr.
The Rev. Carolyn Bannon
The Rev. Donald Cottrill
Anthem . . . . . Motet Choir; First U.M.C.
Dr. Franklin Poole, Director

Adjournment

There will be many "Special Attractions" at this year's Annual Meeting. Please take note of these and plan to avail yourselves of them.

VISIT TO LOUISIANA AREA OFFICES BUILDING

Plan to arrive early enough on Friday to attend an 'open house' in your lovely Area Offices Building. Visiting hours will be from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.

CENTENNIAL PROCESSIONAL

A festive processional of banners, made by the Districts, will announce the beginning of the Centennial Celebration during the singing of "Heralds of Christ." The District Banners, a Bicentennial Banner and one bearing the logo of our Centennial, will be displayed in the sanctuary throughout the meeting. Our Conference President, Nell Read, and our Division President, Ruth Daugherty, will lead the Processional, followed by other Conference Officers and District Banner Bearers. Please be seated in the Sanctuary BEFORE 12:50 P.M.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAPEL

The Intercessory Prayer Chapel will be open 9:30 A.M. Friday and throughout the meeting. Materials will be available for meditation, including names of persons in mission and projects listed in the Prayer Calendar on the two days of our meeting. Ola Fisher encourages everyone to spend some time here during the meeting.

PROGRAM RESOURCES ROOM

Plan to browse in the Program Resources Room to buy materials for your work, view new resources, and secure free materials. A subscription to RESPONSE will be given as a door prize to some lucky shopper.

TEA 'N TALK

After the Break on Friday afternoon, you will have the opportunity to visit with all the Conference Officers in informal areas which will display some of their work and also afford you time to ask questions of them.

PRESS CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT DAUGHERTY

On Saturday morning, you will be able to meet with the Division President in an informal setting. Her opening statement will focus on "Where in the World-United Methodist Women?", after which a question and answer period with participants will follow.

CENTENNIAL ROOM

This room will be filled with artifacts from all over our Conference, showing our great hertiage and the histories of all of the predecessor groups.

GUEST SPEAKER AT ANNUAL MEETING

Our speaker this year, Ruth A. Daugherty, is President of the Women's Division and a Vice-President of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. She was elected to this four year term in September 1980. By virtue of her office, she serves as President to the 1.2 million members of the United Methodist Women in approximately 29,000 local units in the United States and Puerto Rico.

She is a resident of Reading, Pennsylvania, where her husband, Dr. Robert Daugherty, serves as District Superintendent. They have three grown children. Ruth is a graduate of Shenandoah Junior College and Lebanon Valley College and has taught English and History in junior and senior high schools. She has also taught in Conference Schools of Christian Mission. Mrs. Daugherty has served her church on all levels - local, district, conference, and beyond. She was a delegate to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 1972, 1976, and 1980. She was recently elected to serve in this capacity at the 1984 Conferences. Ruth has attended Assemblies of the World Federation of Methodist Women and the World Methodist Conference. She has traveled extensively in Latin America, Asia, Israel, India and China in her work for the church. Louisiana is indeed fortunate to have Ruth Daugherty with us as our speaker for this Centennial Event!

A TIME FOR CELEBRATION—COMMITMENT—CHALLENGE

"The Centennial Era!" The words have become familiar among United Methodist Women. But have we grasped their meaning? What is an "era"? It is a span of time marked by distinctive character and events. Or it may be the date or event forming the beginning of any distinctive period. In the case of United Methodist Women, the Centennial Era covers the years between 1869 and 1893. The first year, 1869, marked the founding of the earliest of the national societies of women organized for mission which eventually became United Methodist Women. The last of these organizations-the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church-was formed in 1893.

Since the predecessor organizations to United Methodist Women can claim no single "birthday", we are celebrating a Centennial Era. The period of celebration was launched at the Assembly in 1982 and will continue through the 1986 Assembly. Midway, during this four year period, The United Methodist Church will also be celebrating the 200th anniversary of Methodism in America. Local units of United Methodist Women and local United Methodist Churches are called to plan celebrative experiences in recognition of the Centennial Era and Methodist Bicentennial.

The theme for the Annual Meeting of the United Methodist Women in Louisiana, is "Committed to Mission-Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." It signifies the launching of the celebration of the Centennial Era in the Louisiana Conference. This special time of remembering our heritage will also call us to live in the present so that we may claim the future.

The Centennial Era is a time to CELEBRATE and REJOICE in the contributions of women organized for mission and in the accomplishments of women in general.

It is a time to COMMIT ourselves to the discipline of carrying out our PURPOSE; of expanding our Christian witness to women and children; of continuing our advocacy on behalf of those who are oppressed and dispossessed; and of strengthening our dedication through prayer, Bible study, action, and giving.

It is a time for accepting the CHALLENGE for an enlivened and more lively spirit in the organized units of United Methodist Women at all levels; for increased understanding of the potential and unique role of United Methodist Women; and for determination to move with faith and courage into a new century of mission and ministry.

—Estelle Dameron

TEA 'N TALK

TNT—"Something Dynamite"

Friday mid-afternoon, the "small group" format as a means of informal involvement of participants is being replaced by an "open house" format. Conference Officers and the Editor/Public Relations Coordinator will have exhibits set up in assigned rooms in the Adult Center. Everyone will have opportunity to move freely from one room to another, viewing posters, slides, flip charts, books and other resource materials and to engage in informal dialogue with the Officers. The four Project Directors will be in the Mission Coordinators' rooms, and you may talk with them about their work.

According to Vice-President, Norma Winegeart, TNT Coordinator, the purpose of TNT is (1) to establish community, (2) to demonstrate how membership in U.M.W. allows us to be in mission to Christ, (3) to give concrete ideas for participation in global ministries, and (4) to share items and ideas which will be helpful to local women in understanding various responsibilities.

This is not an officer training event. It is designed to help us be in mission locally and globally and to see how various offices fit into total programming, enriching one's spiritual life individually and collectively. You will also gain a better understanding of our connectional system, how each member, unit, district fits into total structure system, how Women's Division helps us, and how Conference serves as a channel for mission promotion.

As you sip your cool glass of iced tea or water, talk about our mission work with informed, enthusiastic leaders so you will become more excited about our work. You can be the catalyst for wonderful new, creative things happening in United Methodist Women. A little tea plus some informal "talk and see" can add up to "something dynamite!"

—Helen Brock

CENTENNIAL ROOM

One of the highlights of our Annual Meeting will be the Centennial Room which will display all of YOUR histories. You will recall that in the School of Christian Mission Newsletter, we asked you to begin collecting for this important area. We are celebrating the era of all our predecessor groups that have merged to form our great organization and so we have this marvelous opportunity to share our histories.

First, you are asked to prepare (if you do not already have one) a history of your local unit. This may be in any form-manuscript or book mounted.

Second, we will have an area for "Women of Significance" and you are asked to select one or more women who have helped form the history of your group and have contributed in significant ways to its growth. You may include pictures and a short biographical sketch, possibly mounted on poster paper. These will be arranged in the Centennial Room by districts.

Since the delegates and guests will have time for browsing between registration and opening of the session, you are asked to please have your items in as early as possible Friday morning.

Also, noteworthy, will be the Centennial Register - a lovely album for everyone who is in attendance at this Annual Meeting to sign. This will be in a prominent place and you are urged to record your attendance at this historical meeting.

Remember, this is YOUR Centennial Room, so the only way it can be meaningful, will be for YOU to bring the displays. Please don't disappoint us!

—Mary Lou Blakeman

Coming Events

The following meetings, workshops, and events are listed so that you will be aware of them. You will receive more detailed information on them in the future, but you may wish to put them on your calendar at this time.

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

October 1 - Baton Rouge-Hammond District
at Jordan U.M.C., Baton Rouge
October 1 - Baton Rouge-Lafayette District
at Louisiana Memorial U.M.C., Opelousas
October 1 - Lake Charles District
at Vinton U.M.C.
October 1 - Monroe District
at First U.M.C., Lake Providence
October 2 - New Orleans-Slidell District
at Munholland U.M.C., Metairie
October 2 - Ruston District
at Trinity U.M.C., Ruston
October 9 - Alexandria District
at Palestine U.M.C.
October 9 - New Orleans-Houma District
at Luling U.M.C.
October 9 - Shreveport District
at First U.M.C., Bossier City

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY

January 22, 1984
To be observed in churches ALL over the Louisiana Conference

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN STATE SEMINAR

March 31, 1984

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETING

April 13-15, 1984
Wichita, Kansas

GENERAL CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 1-11, 1984
Baltimore, Maryland

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING

Lottie Palazzo. . . . . .Chairperson
Saturday, October 15, 1983
Trinity Methodist Church
Alexandria, Louisiana
ALL Elected District Officers are to attend

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

November 4, 1983

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Janelle McCammon . . . . . .Chairperson
Fran Hall . . . . . Vice-Chairperson
January 27-29, 1984
Alexandria, Louisiana
Attending will be the ENTIRE Conference Executive Committee, including elected and appointed officers and the district Presidents and district Treasurers.

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 10-11, 1984
Alexandria, Louisiana
Attending will be all Conference Elected Leaders, Task Group Chairpersons, Appointed Leaders, District Presidents and District Treasurers.

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

July 16-19, 1984
Lubbock, Texas

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Johnnye Butler. . . . . .Chairperson
Lottie Palazzo. . . . . Vice-Chairperson
July 24-27, 1984
July 27-29, 1984
Attending: Open to ALL! ! !

Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin

Our Tenth Annual Meeting is honored to have our own Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin deliver the sermon during the Celebration of Holy Communion, on Saturday morning. Bishop and Mrs. Shamblin have been very supportive of our United Methodist Women work during their tenure in Louisiana and we count it a great privilege to have him take this important part in our service.

REGISTRATION FORM
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING
September 16-17, 1983

First United Methodist Church - (504) 383-4777
Corner North & East Boulevards
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Send completed Registration Form and check to:

Mrs. Edna Wilson
5945 Chandler Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808
Phone: (504) 766-1320

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

_____Phone_____

Check all that apply:

_____Conference Officer
_____District President or Treasurer
_____Other Member of Conference Executive Committee
_____Other District Officer
_____Local Unit Representative
☐ Voting ☐ Non-voting
_____Former Conference President or Conference Guild Secretary
_____Guest

CHURCH_____

CITY/TOWN_____

DISTRICT_____

Number in Local Unit_____

OFFICE HELD_____

ADDRESS OR HOTEL DURING MEETING_____

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NURSERY CARE REQUESTED (Facilities available Friday 9:00 - 4:30 and Saturday 7:15 - 1:00)

☐ Number of children _____ Age(s)_____

The registration fee for the meeting is $3.00, which includes cost of insurance (from time of departure for the meeting until return home), packet, and a small part of meeting expenses. Everyone attending the meeting or any part of it must pay the $3.00 registration fee. The cost of the banquet (at the Hilton Hotel) is an additional $12.00. Banquet reservations must be made by September 1.

REGISTRATION BEGINS FRIDAY 9:00 A.M. IN THE GYMNASIUM OF THE CHURCH

☐ Registration only - $3.00 (must be enclosed with this Form)

☐ Registration & Banquet -$15.00 (must be enclosed with this Form)

Amount enclosed_____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Don't Miss A GREAT Opportunity! ! !

Your National Division Project Directors will be special resource persons in the rooms of the four Mission Coordinators during T N T. G. Jerry Bridges will represent MacDonell's United Methodist Children's Services, Houma; The Rev. Percell Church, People's Community Center, New Orleans; Roy Parfait, Dulac Community Center, Dulac; and James Seymour, St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans. Come, learn first hand, of the work of these projects to which a portion of our Annual Meeting offering will be directed.

Planning Group at Work

Seated: Helen Brock, Chairperson of the Annual Meeting Program; Nell Read, Conference President; Ardessie Prophet, Vice-Chairperson.

Standing: Ola Fisher, Christian Personhood Coordinator and Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Senior Pastor of Host Church.

Please Note

If you plan to stay at the Hilton Hotel, YOU must make your reservation with them BEFORE September 1 in order to receive the lower price rate and the guarantee of room. After September 1, the Hilton will charge the higher rate for any reservations made. Please do not let this date slip by you! ! !

JANUARY 22, 1984 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

January 22, 1984, has been set for the observance of United Methodist Women's Sunday in the Louisiana Conference. Hereafter, this observance will take place on the fourth Sunday in January each year.

The Centennial Goal for Membership is a 10% increase per unit, per year, 1982-1985. Has your unit grown in BREADTH, in DEPTH, in HEIGHT? United Methodist Women's Sunday is the greatest opportunity to project United Methodist Women to non-members and to the total church.

Begin now to make preparations for your celebration. It is of utmost importance that every Membership Chairperson attend Local Elected Leaders' Training. New Member Packets, pins, and other materials, including a new 22" x 25" "Called to Grow" poster, can be secured from Service Center, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. Also, materials will be available in Conference and District Annual Meeting Program Resource Rooms.

Order Now! Don't Wait! Call and Visit Prospective Members! Improve your Programs and Activities! Extend your love and fellowship to members showing lack of interest! Be inclusive! Remain deep rooted in Christ and steadfast in Faith! Above all Pray for our Membership!

—Fran Hall

CONFERENCE WOMEN ARE ELECTED

During the 1983 Annual Conference of Louisiana United Methodism, several of our United Methodist Women were elected as delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Nancy M. Carruth, Amy G. Ward, and Inez W. Christentery were elected delegates to General Conference to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, May 1-11, 1984. They will also be delegates to Jurisdictional Conference in Lubbock, Texas, July 16-19, 1984, along with Sara Fugler, Kathi Finnell, and Dorothy Taylor, who were elected Jurisdictional delegates. Elizabeth McGowan was elected first reserve to the Jurisdictional meeting. In the organizational meeting of the delegation, Nancy Carruth was elected as Chairperson of the Delegation. Please uphold these women in your prayers, along with the laymen and clergy who were also elected. Their responsibility is great and they will need your support.

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1984 Centennial Era for women

Methodist Bicentennial 1784 - 1984

This is a time when United Methodist Women and the Methodist Church at large are observing two important periods in their history---The Centennial Era and the Methodist Bicentennial. On such occasions, it is natural and appropriate to honor those foremothers and forefathers whose vision, service, and Christian commitment established the heritage which we now enjoy.

It is equally appropriate that we should honor those of our contemporaries who have enriched the heritage bequeathed to us and have had a part in the creation of the history which we shall pass on to the next generations.

So it was that United Methodist Women, aware of our history both past and present, chose to honor Mrs. Glenn Laskey-"Virginia" to most of us---at the Annual Meeting in September 1983. The celebration of The Centennial Era was an appropriate time to recognize one who, throughout her adult life, has served the women's organizations and the total church with skill and Christian dedication. In addition, Mrs. Laskey took an active part in ecumenical endeavors through Church Women United and the National and World Council of Churches.

In recognition of her service through many official capacities, including that of President of the Women's Division, the Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women honored Mrs. Laskey through the Special Mission Recognition Plan and presented her with a pin and framed certificate bearing the Centennial Era logo, indicating that a financial gift to the mission work of United Methodist Women had been made in her honor.

In addition, Mrs. Laskey was given the Valiant Woman Award through Church Women United. Dr. Mildred Feldman, State President of Church Women United in Louisiana, made the presentation, which carried with it a pin and a distinctive red and gold certificate. The Valiant Woman Award is made to those women who have exhibited leadership, Christian dedication, and a willingness to take risks in order to initiate social change. Thus United Methodist Women honored one of its own, and declared its support for Church Women United and its programs.

Though only a few make the contribution Virginia Laskey has made--and continues to make--she typifies the many women, who serve--each in her own place and in her own way--helping to create the history through which they are living and which will become the heritage for the future.

Estelle Dameron

Virginia Laskey accepting The Valiant Woman Award from Dr. Mildred Feldman

Notes from Nell

I'd like to talk to each of you about my favorite subject, United Methodist Women. Since we cannot be together, why not, "Let's pretend?" Pour yourself a cup of coffee and let's chat about some of the questions you've been asking.

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Since you may remember the lovely program we had at First Church Shreveport in 1979 celebrating 100 years of women organized for mission in Louisiana, this current Centennial Emphasis may be confusing. It's like this: The organization of United Methodist Women comprises several groups from former organizations which came into existence on different dates. So we cannot designate one year as the time of origin. Thus we call it a Centennial Era. Goals have been set to strengthen the foundations of mission outreach. They are:

1. Provide resources and program suggestions.
2. Increase membership.
3. Annually increase mission giving.
4. Increase subscriptions to Response.

Let us pray together that this will be a time of growth and spiritual renewal that will be felt around our global world.

MISSION

What is it? Who is in mission? Once we thought that only those who went to foreign countries to tell the Good News of Christ could be missionaries. Today we see mission in a broader context. Mission is spreading that good news everywhere and helping all people to share in the search for spiritual qualities that make us whole persons through Jesus Christ. So, each of us is in mission, praying, studying, giving, serving wherever we are. Our goals are to possess the inner peace that comes from knowing God and sharing this with others.

FINANCES

We are in mission through giving. The largest percent of our giving goes to Women's Division where it is apportioned as to need. Some of it is used to fund our programs in Louisiana Conference. This is called Administration and Membership Development. This is an important part of our being in mission. Funding our School of Christian Mission, Annual Meeting, Retreat, Leadership Training, and many more important aspects of our conference, district and local programs is an ongoing part of our growth. Your elected leaders are conscientious in trying to be accountable for the funds entrusted to us. They feel they are in mission giving their time and talents to strengthening our outreach at home and around the world. We hope your local unit includes A&MD in your budget annually.

REGIONAL SCHOOL

Perhaps you have wondered what it is, who goes, and why. West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission is an opportunity for growth, study, and training. New program resources are presented, and leaders share ideas for growth and development. Conference elected leaders and study group leaders for schools are required to attend and are held accountable for bringing back to conference, district, and local groups the knowledge learned.

EXCELLENCE OF STUDIES

This is promoted through the Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns in an effort to help us improve the quality of studies.

READING PROGRAM

We are what we think! If we fill our minds with quality materials. we grow. Let us expand our horizons by reading good books. Check with your Coordinator for Christian Personhood to see how we can report to our Reading Program on an individual basis. The December issue of Response gives the new list for 1984.

Each morning when I read my Bible, Upper Room Disciplines, and Prayer Calendar, my prayers include petitions that we may be more effective in mission to God and to our fellow inhabitants of His earth.

Thanks for joining me.

Nell Read, Conference President

Centennial Era for women

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

United Methodist Women ARE Church Women United! ! !

1984 offers two special opportunities for women of faith to participate in ecumenical endeavors.

Annual Assembly of Louisiana Church Women United will be held at First United Methodist Church in Lake Charles, March 14-15, 1984. The theme chosen is "Life Is a Gift---And A Task." Guest speaker will be Margaret S. Buvinger, a member of the Common Council, and National Coordinator for the Fund for the Fifth Decade. Registration will begin at 10:00 A.M. and the $15.00 fee includes registration and banquet. Get more information from your local unit and register before March 1.

National Ecumenical Assembly of Church Women United will explore the theme: "Come! Build a New Earth." Pieces of Peace when women of all ages, races, faiths, and economic backgrounds meet at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, July 19-23, 1984.

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will be represented by Mary Margaret Barr and Taylor Phillip. All persons interested are invited to attend. For more information, write to:

Church Women United
Ecumenical Assembly
475 Riverside Drive
Room 812
New York, New York 10115

AUDIO VISUAL NEWS

The following filmstrips have been purchased by the Conference United Methodist Women and placed in the Conference Audio-Visual Library. You are urged to take advantage of these and arrange for their use in your local units.

A series of four filmstrips by "Bread for the World" on the subject of world hunger and meeting food needs.

"Nairobi: Jesus Christ Frees and Unites" on the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches and excellent for Central Africa study.

A 16MM film, 28 minutes, entitled , "A People Called Methodist"--a fine program film on Methodists and Methodist mission throughout the world. Made by the World Methodist Council.

The fourth quarter reports have been completed and our Conference Treasurer, Wanda Nelson, has GREAT NEWS for all of the Louisiana Conference. We have OVERPAID our Pledge to Missions by almost $7,500.00. The TOTAL giving within our Conference was $299,698.77 (up by $16,000.00 over last year). This included the Call to Prayer Offering, Thank Offerings and all extra giving. Our undesignated giving increased only $1,200.00, so we need to concentrate more effort in this area. But after with-holding the approved percentage for the Conference Administration and Membership Development, the Treasurer sent $211,793.32 on our Pledge to Missions. ALL of the Districts overpaid their pledges, so this is also cause for celebration. The Districts paid the following amounts on their Pledge to Missions:

Alexandria District	$19,494.17
Baton Rouge-Hammond District	27,914.67
Baton Rouge-Lafayette District	25,119.45
Lake Charles District	34,825.98
Monroe District	22,549.72
New Orleans-Houma District	23,744.02
New Orleans-Slidell District	26,815.06
Ruston District	25,257.60
Shreveport District	40,409.15

Surely, we have cause to rejoice, but let us remember, as we look ahead, that one of our goals is to increase our pledge to missions by five to ten percent. This must begin with our own individual pledges, then our local unit pledge if our District and Conference pledges are to be raised. It is all up to YOU! ! !

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Our Tenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women was privileged to have as our speaker, Mrs. Ruth Daugherty, President of the Women's Division. During the Meeting, Mrs. Daugherty held a very interesting press conference in which she answered many questions from the audience. At the close of the press conference, Ruth drew the name of the winner of a free subscription to Response magazine. This was part of the "Tea 'N Talk" time in Sara Fugler's Program Resource Room. The winner was Mrs. Milton Goins of Leesville, La.! Congratulations, Mrs. Goins, we know you are enjoying your new magazine.

Ruth Daugherty draws winning name from box held by Sara Fugler, Conference Secretary of Program Resources

– UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY –

We pray that every local unit had a very successful United Methodist Women's Sunday on January 22, 1984. Please report your experiences and evaluations immediately to **Fran Hall,** Conference Chairperson, Committee on Membership, **1641 Avondale Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808** and to your District Chairperson on Membership. Also, mark your calendars right now that United Methodist Women's Sunday will be on January 27, 1985 (the fourth Sunday in January).

.....Fran Hall

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund, the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women offer 20 scholarships to the 1984 School of Christian Mission, July 24-27, and 27-29. This is made possible by the budgeting of local units on a continual basis and by special contributions. The Committee on Membership requests that the scholarships be offered early in order for persons to apply who might not otherwise consider the possibility of attending. The recipients will be announced in the May 1984 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION NEWSLETTER.

The criteria for one of the Scholarships is a willingness to attend the week-day or week end School and participate in all its activities. Applicant can be young, single, married, employed, student, retired, from a large or small unit. Persons other than members of United Methodist Women will also be considered. Applications must be mailed to **Fran Hall, 1641 Avondale Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808,** by April 21, 1984.

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

District_____ Unit (Name of Church)_____ New?_____ No. In Unit_____

Name of Applicant_____

Address_____ Phone_____

Applicant has _____ has not_____ attended School of Christian Mission before.

Applicant prefers to attend week-day School_____ week-end School_____

Applicant's age grouping is:

Under 35_____ 36-50_____ 51 and above_____

Employed full time_____ Part time_____ Retired_____ Student_____ Homemaker_____

Age of Children: Pre-school_____ School_____ Not at home_____

Applicant's choice of study: KOREA_____; SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES: VISIONS OF PEACE_____
EPHESIANS will be taught for everyone.

Name of unit president or contact person_____

Address_____ Phone_____

To be filled by applicant on separate sheet:
I would like to attend School of Christian Mission because:_____

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1984 GOALS
in 1981 — 1984 Quadrennium
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE —— UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

I. EMPHASIZE THE BIBLICAL BASIS AND MANDATE FOR MISSION, AND PROVIDE INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION FOR LOCAL UNITS TO BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SPECIFIC MISSION ENDEAVORS BY DECEMBER 1984 BY:

A. encouraging each local unit to promote an increasing commitment and concern for peace with justice for all persons.

B. having a mission bulletin board in each local church for information and up-date.

C. promoting "The Excellence of Studies Program" for disciplined Bible study and mission education.

D. encouraging each local unit to send at least one person to the Conference School of Christian Mission.

II. IMPLEMENT THE CHARTER OF RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES BY:

A. emphasizing the use of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women's booklet, "Opening Doors to Racial/Ethnic Understanding" in the local units.

B. encouraging local units to work for implementation through the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries in the local church.

C. increasing efforts to recruit ethnic minority leadership.

III. CELEBRATE OUR CENTENNIAL ERA WITH SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP EMPHASIS BY:

A. encouraging each local unit to increase memberhsip 10% during 1984, using "Called to Grow" materials.

B. observing United Methodist Women's Sunday the fourth Sunday in January.

C. organizing at least one new unit in each district by December 1984.

D. reactivating former units.

IV. EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR GOOD STEWARDSHIP BY:

A. interpreting giving in the light of our PURPOSE.

B. stressing growth in undesignated giving by:
1) 5% to 10% increase in pledge to missions
2) special mission recognitions
3) gifts to missions
4) thank bank offerings
5) persons in missions

C. continuing the follow-up of the Financial Promotion Workshops in each district.

D. promoting the Centennial Celebration Fund.

E. giving $1.00 per member to the Administration and Membership Development (A&MD) Fund.

V. PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL LEARNING/GROWING EXPERIENCES:

A. National Seminar follow-up in conference and districts.

B. Conference Leadership Workshop, January 27-28-29, 1984.

C. Political Skills Workshop, November 3, 1984.

D. Conference Christian Disciplines Workshop, February 22-23-24, 1985.

E. Conference United Methodist Women's Retreat, 1985.

VI. ENCOURAGE ONGOING EMPHASES BY:

A. continuing to follow-up on World Development Workshop in each district.

B. promoting Estelle Dameron Scholarships, giving at least 20 scholarships for 1984 School of Christian Mission.

C. continuing supportive contacts with missionaries and deaconesses related to the Louisiana Conference.

D. continuing to promote the Reading Program with special emphasis on ethnic minority material.

E. increasing subscriptions to Response and New World Outlook Magazines.

The goals above were adopted by the Conference Committee on Program. You are encouraged to study them carefully and incorporate into your program the parts that are appropriate, adding your own strategies and implementations in the ways most effective for your District and Local Unit.

Norma Winegeart
Conference Vice President

LOUISIANA STATE SEMINAR OF WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

The Newman United Methodist Church located at 801 Fulton Street in Alexandria, Louisiana, will be the site of the state (Louisiana) seminar of the World Federation of Methodist Women. The seminar will be held on March 31, 1984. Announcement of the seminar is made by P. Ann Pegues, president of the Louisiana CME Conference Missionary Society, who was elected convenor of the seminar at the Southern Regional Seminar in May in Jackson, Mississippi.

"The purpose of the World Federation of Methodist Women is 'to know Christ and to make him known'," reports Mrs. Pegues. She stated that State seminars are held every five years to promote prayer, study, fellowship and interdenominational cooperation among the women of Wesleyan tradition faith groups. In Louisiana, this means women of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME), United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal (AME), and African Methodist Episcopal Zion (AMEZ).

"New Dimensions in Christian Living" is the theme of the seminar which will be carried out through focusing on the issues of Peace, Bible Study, the Family, Refugees, and Social Justice. These issues will be led by dynamic leaders who are seminary professors, clergy-women and officials of the women's organization. Leaders are the Rev. Mrs. Mary Moody, AME, of Baton Rouge who will conduct the Bible Study; Mrs. Margaret St. Amant, United Methodist, of Baker, Louisiana, will lead a segment on Peace; Dr. Arlynne Cheers, CME, of Grambling State University will speak on Refugees; and Mrs. Inez Christenterry, United Methodist, of Baton Rouge, will talk on the Family. In addition, there will be a speaker on Social Justice. A question and answer period will follow EACH presentation to allow all participants to voice their concerns on these pertinent issues. The seminar will also include creative worship led by AMEZ Church, inspiring music, and special displays. A special feature of the seminar will be that of "How to Organize a Unit of the World Federation of Methodist Women" and a note about our Bicentennial.

The seminar is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The four women's groups in Louisiana will name official delegates and they may also name official observers. The seminar will start at 9:30 A.M., and end at 2:45 P.M. Persons wishing to come early and spend the night should make their own housing arrangements. All housing, travel, and miscellaneous costs are the sole responsibility of the sponsoring denomination/faith group and/or the registering party. There are several motels located near Newman United Methodist Church, and all of them are located on MacArthur Drive. The motels are: The Holiday Inn, Ramada Inn, Sheraton Inn, Best Western, Howard Johnson's, Rodeway Inn, and Ransville Hotel. Please contact the motel of your choice to make housing arrangements.

Everyone who registers MUST submit a $10.00 registration fee when her registration is made. The fee includes a luncheon at the church, and a program kit. The deadline for receiving registration in MARCH 17.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your Annual Conference or District President, or the Convenor, P. Ann Pegues, 2309 Bonnie Avenue, Bastrop, Louisiana 71220 (Phone [318] 281-3044).

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DELEGATES
WORLD FEDERATION
OF METHODIST WOMEN
Louisiana Seminar
Newman United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Louisiana
March 31, 1984

Olga Bagner
Ruby Baker
Mary Margaret Barr
Helen Brock
Johnnye Butler
Seola Callahan
Jackie Campbell
Nancy Carruth
Inez Chrisentery
Winderlean Lewis
Judy O'Dell
Lottie Palazzo
Mary Parker
Marie R. Pero
Doris Perry
Nell Read
Margaret St. Amant
Eloise Saunders
Cathy Smith
June Sumrall
Elsie Terral
Sally Turner
Amy Ward
Patricia Williams
Norma Winegeart

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
April 13-15, 1984
Wichita, Kansas

Louisiana Conference Delegates

Nell Read
Fran Hall
Norma Winegeart
Wanda Nelson
Evelyn Evans
Taylor Phillip

Alternates:
Lottie Palazzo
Ola Fisher

WOMEN'S DIVISION
Nominees from
Louisiana Conference

Elizabeth Thomas
Janelle McCammon
Anne Hearn

Alternate:
Ola Fisher

REGISTRATION FORM

LOUISIANA STATE SEMINAR
World Federation of Methodist Women
March 31, 1984

NAME_____
Last First Initial

Address_____
Street City State ZIP

Faith Denomination: _____AME _____AMEZ _____CME _____United Methodist

Please make check or money order for $10.00 payable to:
Louisiana Seminar-World Federation of Methodist Women

Mail payment and this form to: **Mrs. Johnnye Butler, 724 18th Avenue, Franklinton, Louisiana 70438**

NOTE: Form should be mailed before MARCH 17, 1984. Substitutions may be made, but no refunds are possible. Please advise the Registrar of substitutions.

LOOKING AHEAD

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

January 27-29 the Conference Executive Committee will meet at Toro Hills in Many for training. It will be led by Marilyn Sweet from the Women's Division, assisted by Lillian Sloan and Andria Salter, also from the Division. Janelle McCammon is chairing this event with Fran Hall as co-chairperson.

MID YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The mid year executive committee will meet at David Haas Memorial United Methodist Church in Bunkie, February 10-11. All Conference elected and appointed people along with District Presidents and Treasurers are expected to attend.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED STATE ASSEMBLY

To be held at First United Methodist Church, Lake Charles

March 14-15

Open to all

Register by March 1

LOUISIANA SEMINAR WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

Seminar will be held at Newman United Methodist Church, Alexandria, on March 31. All interested may attend - register by March 17.

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Meeting will be held in Wichita, Kansas, April 13-15. Elected delegates from Louisiana Conference will attend.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland

May 1 - 11

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

Meeting in Lubbock, Texas

July 16-19

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana

School I. . . . . .July 24-27

School II . . . . . .July 27-29

Johnnye Butler, Dean

Lottie Palazzo, Assistant Dean

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston, Louisiana, September 14-15. Wilma Crosby is chairing this event with Linda Shepherd serving as co-chairperson.

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IN MEMORIAM

As we go to press, we have just heard of the death of Sadie Williams of Bastrop. She was the newly elected Treasurer of the Monroe District. Sadie had served in many capacities in United Methodist Women's work and we extend our sympathy to her family.

P. O. Box 71

Farmerville, LA 71241

Nell Read

Louisiana Conference

United Methodist Women

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"Visions of Peace - Actions of Faith"

School of Christian Mission

"We are all parts of one body,
We have the same Spirit,
And we have all been
Called to the same glorious future."
Ephesians 4:4

Peace

A School of Christian Mission has many challenging experiences in the study of mission. It places great emphasis on the world mission of the church. It promotes the integrated programs of Missionary Outreach, Spiritual Growth, Program Planning, and it also opens new horizons for the development of the total program on United Methodist Women.

The theme, "VISIONS OF PEACE—ACTIONS OF FAITH," was chosen for the 1984 school. The development of the theme will feature a unique and timely lecture dealing with "Peace and World Religion," led by Dr. David Trickett. There will be special music under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Figg.

The school committee has chosen another well qualified faculty who will bring to us stimulating and rewarding experiences. Everyone will participate in the study "Ephesians"- - a spiritual growth study, conducted by Rev. George Calvin, Sr. They will also have the choice of one other study on "Korea" or "Swords Into Plowshares: A Vision of Peace."

The week includes a "Fellowship Night" for both schools, time for quiet or study, music interest group, featured audio-visuals, and visiting in the Learning Center and the Program Resource Room. "First Timers" will be welcomed at an orientation session at the beginning of each school. The Weekday School orientation will be held in Kilpatrick Auditorium at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday. Weekend School orientation will be in the Learning Center at 4:30 p.m., Friday.

We hope you will arrive in time to register and have lunch before the opening session of the Weekday School at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, in Kilpatrick Auditorium, Smith Building. The Weekday School closes at noon on Friday, July 27, and lunch is not included in the meal ticket.

The weekend School begins with registration at 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 27. Following the evening meal (at 5:00), the opening plenary will be held at 6:00 p.m. in Kilpatrick Auditorium. This School concludes at noon on Sunday, July 29, and lunch is not included.

We do hope that each of our nine districts have representation for our school of '84. Please consider and take advantage of the conference and district scholarships that are offered.

The School of Christian Mission inspires and develops means of action at all levels in the United Methodist Church, YOU WILL WANT TO ATTEND! ! !

Johnnye Butler, Dean of 1984 School

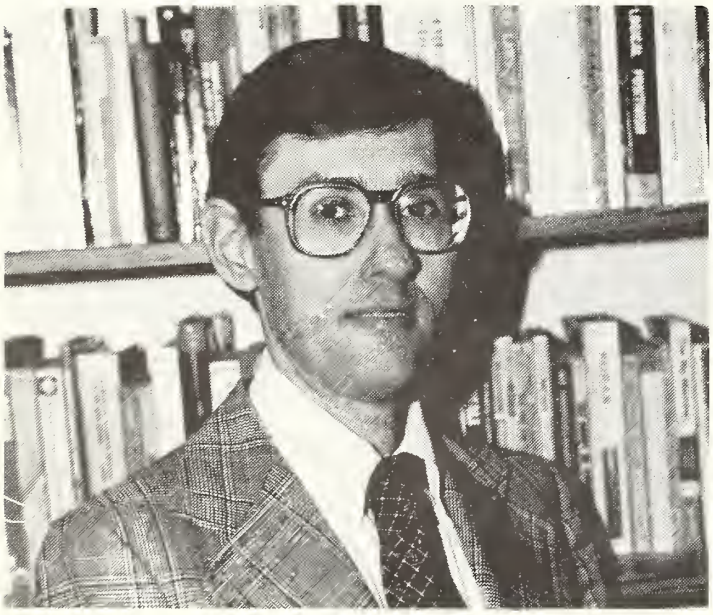
Mrs. Johnnye Butler
Dean of 1984 School

Mrs. Lottie Palazzo
Assistant Dean of 1984 School

– SPECIAL EMPHASIS –
"THE CONFLICTS OF RELIGIONS - 1984"

A special emphasis will be presented at the Wednesday evening "Gathering" this year by Dr. David Trickett. During this session, Dr. Trickett will portray and interpret the religions found in the Middle East and the role they play in today's world. Also, included will be the illustration of how our thoughts, feelings, and religious beliefs play a role in our nation's politics. A time for questions and discussion will follow Dr. Trickett's presentation.

Dr. Trickett is presently serving as Campus Minister at Tulane University. He is a native of Shreveport; his wife is from England and they are the parents of one daughter. He graduated, with honors, from L.S.U.; Perkins School of Theology, Oxford, Harvard, and S.M.U. He has served as a teacher as well as a minister. His presentation will be an "extra special attraction" at our school this year.



Dr. David Trickett

Studies and Goals for Excellence in Study-1984

Each year at School, recognition is given to the local units who have followed certain guidelines in their study. They must have used at least two of the current approved mission study courses; have a capable, responsible committee which makes detailed plans; a prepared leader; a minimum of six hours for the study; preparation between sessions (reading the text, etc.); class member participation (panels, discussion, a.v's, etc.); and some action growing out of the study. If your unit has accomplished this, please contact your District Christian Global Concerns Coordinator. She has the new forms to be used for reporting. Reports from the local units should be returned to the District Coordinator by May 15, 1984.

Anne Hearn

"Do your best to win full approval in God's sight, as a worker who is not ashamed of his work, one who correctly teaches the message of God's truth."

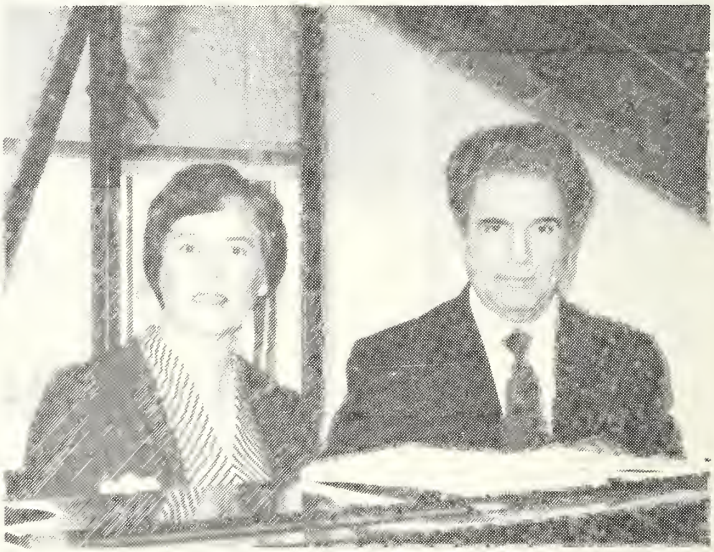
2 Timothy 2:15

– MUSIC –

Music has always played a unique and significant part in our school. This year, music will feature a variety of inspirational and spirited songs led by Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Figg, who were with us last year. We are delighted that they can return. The Figgs, with their talents, will bring to our school many varied experiences. They come to us well prepared. Dr. Figg received his Bachelor of Music Degree from Oklahoma City University, and he has subsequent degrees from the University of Illinois and North Texas State. He has taught at several high schools and universities and is presently Assistant Professor at L.S.U. in Baton Rouge. Dr. Figg has also performed and conducted many musical productions at L.S.U. He teaches voice, choral conducting, and choral choirs.

Mrs. Figg holds B.M. and M.M. Degrees from Morehead State University in Kentucky. She has served on the staff of various churches, mostly as organist. She is presently an elementary music teacher in Baton Rouge.

The Figgs will be working with Betsy Wilhite, our music coordinator. Betsy asks that you bring "The Songs of Zion" and "Sisters and Brothers" song books if you have copies of them. You are invited to come and learn new songs and enjoy some old favorites. If you are interested in being in the choir, please register for the "Music Interest Group" at the registration desk when you arrive.



Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Figg

F L A S H ! ! !

There are still some ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS available for this School. Encourage someone from your unit to apply right away. The application blank was included in your January 1984 Conference Newsletter. Contact your District President or District Chairperson of Membership for information. Send applications to: Fran Hall, 1641 Avondale Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808.

WEEKDAY SCHOOL July 24-27, 1984 — WEEKEND SCHOOL July 27-29, 1984

TUESDAY JULY 24	WEDNESDAY JULY 25	THURSDAY JULY 26	FRIDAY JULY 27	SATURDAY JULY 28	SUNDAY JULY 29
9:00 - 12:00 Registration James Dormitory Visit Resource/ Learning Center and Program Resources	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:30-10:30 — Class 10:30 — Break 10:45-11:45 A.V.'s/Music Interest/Resource Learning Center	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:30-10:30 — Class 10:30 — Break 10:45-11:45 A.V.'s/Music Interest/Resource Learning Center	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:15-10:15 — Class 10:15 — Break 10:30-11:45 Ephesians 11:45-12:15 Closing Love Feast **WEEKDAY SCHOOL CLOSES**	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:15-10:15 — Class 10:15 — Break 10:30-11:45 A.V.'s/Music Interest/Resource Learning Center	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:15-10:15 — Class 10:15 — Break 10:30-11:45 Ephesians 11:45-12:15 Closing Love Feast **WEEKEND SCHOOL CLOSES**
12:00 LUNCH	12:00 LUNCH	12:00 LUNCH		12:00 LUNCH	
1:00-2:15 Gathering 2:15 — Break 2:30-4:15 Ephesians 4:30 — First Timers Kilpatrick Auditorium	1:00-2:30 — Quiet/ Study Time 2:45-4:45 Ephesians	1:00-2:30 — Quiet/ Study Time 2:45-4:45 Ephesians	2:00-4:30 Registration James Dormitory Visit Resource/ Learning Center and Program Resources 4:30 — First Timers Resource/Learning Center	1:00-1:30 — Quiet/ Study Time 1:30-2:30 Gathering Sampler 2:30 — Break 2:45-4:45 — Class	GATHERINGS - Smith Building, Kilpatrick Auditorium Resource/Learning Center - South Cafeteria Program Resources — Centenary Room, North Cafeteria Meditation Room — James Dormitory
5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER	5:00 DINNER	
6:00-6:30 Prayer Walk 6:30-8:30 — Class	6:00-6:30 Prayer Walk 6:30-8:30 Gathering (Offering) Fellowship Night	6:00-6:30 Prayer Walk 6:30-8:30 Gathering Sampler	6:00-7:00 Gathering (Offering) 7:00 — Break 7:15-9:15 Ephesians	6:00-6:30 Prayer Walk 6:30-8:30 Ephesians Fellowship Night	

A word from our Assistant Dean. . . . . .

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT--This will be a time for getting acquainted, sharing, relaxing and having fun. If you have any Korean, Biblical or Peace-type items which you would care to share or display in the lounge of James Dorm, please plan to bring them. If there are games (for large or small groups) which you would like to teach us, please come prepared; and let Lottie know (in advance, if possible). This will be a loosely structured evening, with (hopefuly) something for everyone.

AUDIO-VISUALS--Lottie will have major responsibility for all audio-visuals, with a great deal of help from others. Anyone interested in assisting, either by bringing equipment or using same, please contact Lottie. We have been spoiled in the past by having others do all of this for us. It is time we developed this sort of leadership for ourselves, possibly discovering hidden talents among our members.

Lottie Palazzo, Assistant Dean

(Editor's Note) Lottie has assisted Eleine Phillips in A Vs for several years. Now that she is "trying her own wings", we will want to be most 'supportive' of our Supportive Community Coordinator.

Our special offering will be received on Wednesday and Friday nights at our "Gatherings". It has been designated this year for "Food, Land, and Justice".

INTRODUCING 1984 SCHOOL C

for:
"SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES: A VISION OF PEACE"

Ernestine Dixon

Ernestine Dixon has led a very active life in the field of education. She is a graduate of Prairie View, Columbia, and Texas Woman's Universities. She served 33 years with Fort Worth Public Schools. Ernestine has held many offices in Methodism on the conference and jurisdictional level as well as local. She is the wife of Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Jr. of the San Antonio Area and the mother of a daughter. Mrs. Dixon has taught in Schools of Christian Mission in eight Conferences including Louisiana and we are pleased to have her return.

Merrilyn Irvin

Merrilyn Irvin received her B.B.A. from Texas Tech and is working on her Master Religious Education at Brite Divinity School, T.C.U. She is active in her local church as well as on the conference level in Central Texas Conference. Mrs. Irvin is married and has two children. Her hobbies include bridge, needlework and travel. She has taught in many Schools of Christian Mission and we welcome her to Louisiana.

Mary Grace Lyman

Mary Grace Lyman is Secretary for Financial Interpretation of the Women's Division. She leads workshops for United Methodist Women across the country, creates interpretive materials, contributes to "Response" magazine and staffs the Call to Prayer and Self Denial Committee. She has degrees from DePauw and Adelphi and was a school teacher. She is a delegate to General Conference. Her hobbies include rug braiding, sewing, and music. She is married and has two children. Mary Grace has been with us in workshops and we are glad she is returning.

Margaret St. Amant

Margaret St. Amant needs no introduction to Louisiana. She is the daughter of a Presbyterian minister and was the wife of a Methodist minister. She is a graduate of Agnes Scott College and has written several books, including one of her year in mission work in the mountains of Kentucky. She has taught in our school before and we are delighted to have her return. Margaret is very deeply involved in the Peace Movement and is active in her local church as well as the Conference.

CHRISTIAN MISSION TEACHERS

for: "EPHESIANS"

George W. C. Calvin, Sr.

George W. C. Calvin, Sr. received his education at Southern University and Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia. He is an ordained Elder in the Louisiana Conference and is well known throughout our state. George serves on the Conference and District level boards as well as being minister to Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church. He is First Reserve Clergy Delegate to General Conference and a Delegate to Jurisdictional Conference. He attended the World Methodist Conference in Hawaii. George has taught in many Schools of Christian Mission and we are proud to have him in his 'home' conference school. He is married and has three children.

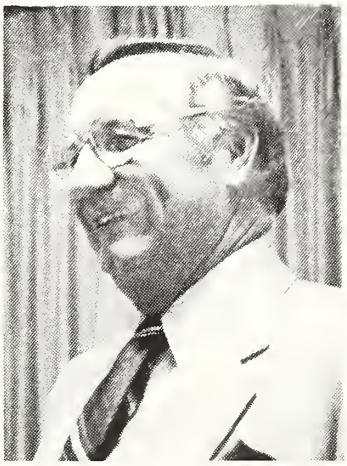
for: "KOREA"

Anne Metz

Anne Metz was in missionary service overseas for 21 years on mainland China. Her ministry was in the field of evangelism, children and youth work, education and nursing. Later, she was sent to Indonesia and, through her, many students came to the U.S. for higher education. Because of family illness, she returned to teach in this country until her retirement. She now speaks in behalf of missions, teaches Bible classes, Schools of Mission and Mission Saturation Meetings. We welcome Anne to Louisiana.

James Spitzkeit

James Spitzkeit is "one of our own" Louisiana Conference ministers, serving Francis Asbury Church in Baton Rouge. For 31 years he served a special appointment in the Republic of Korea. He is an alumnus of Centenary College and Duke Divinity School. As a missionary to Korea, he worked in the area of church development and education. The last ten years of his service in Korea was spent as a full time faculty member of Mokwon Methodist College in Taejon, Korea, as a teacher in Theology and English Education Departments. Well qualified in his subject, we are quite pleased to have "Pete"with us.



Robert Young

Robert Young is a native of Indiana, the son of a Methodist minister. He attended T.C.U. where he met and married Katherine Frank. They have three children and three grandchildren. Robert is pastor of Grand Prairie, Texas, First United Methodist Church. He has served on many conference level boards and is very active in community work, having been named Public Servant of the Year by the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce. Bob has conducted many preaching missions outside this country and he has traveled extensively. We welcome him to our school.

PAST

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
STATE ASSEMBLY

Annual Assembly was held at First United Methodist Church in Lake Charles in March. The theme was "Life Is A Gift---And A Task." Speaker for this event was Margaret Buvinger. There were approximately 100 in attendance. Jessie Chastain was involved in the worship sections of the program and Audrey Milo served as Chairperson to plan the Assemblies. Presiding over the Saturday morning session was the First Vice-President, Mary Margaret Barr. She presented outgoing President, Mildred Feldman, with the Valiant Woman Award. New officers were installed by Rev. Mary Moody.

W.F.M.W.

LOUISIANA STATE SEMINAR
WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

Over eighty-five women gathered in Newman United Methodist Church, Alexandria, recently for the Quinquennium meeting of the World Federation of Methodist Women. The theme, "New Dimensions in Christian Living" was very capably presented in five focus sessions: Bible Study; Refugees; Peace; Family; and Social Justice. The seminar involved Methodist women from all over Louisiana representing four branches of Methodism: African Methodist Episcopal; Christian Methodist Episcopal; African Methodist Episcopal Zion; and United Methodist. The latter were represented by 18 official delegates and other visitors. Featured speakers included our own Margaret St.Amant, Inez Chrisentery, Anne Hearn and Helen Brock. Also serving as Presenters were Dr. Arlynne Cheers of C.M.E. Church and The Reverend Mary Edith Moody, A.M.E. Church who led the Bible Study. The Rev. Alonzo Campbell served as host pastor and Mrs. Doris Perry is local President.

and FUTURE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST SEMINAR ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, Council on Ministries, and Board of Church and Society have endorsed the 1984 Seminar to be held in New York City August 3-12. It is open to Youth, Adults, College Students and Young Adults, and will focus on Central America. This seminar will be held at The Church Center directly across from the United Nations Building. It will include four days of challenging information and discussion. Leaders for the trip are Paul Smith and Randy Nichols. Both have co-led three previous seminar experiences. A brochure will be ready soon. Cost for the ten day trip is tentatively set at $400.00. For more information contact Paul Smith (Route 1, Box 194 B, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291) or Randy Nichols (333 E. Chimes, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802).

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
RUSTON, LOUISIANA
September 14-15, 1984

This year as we gather for our Annual Meeting, we will continue the Centennial Era Celebration as we develop the theme "Our Share in the Heritage." Dr. Vela Cleveland, who served as a medical missionary in India, will be our guest speaker Friday night.

The heritage of our sister organizations will also be included in the program.

Watch for your August Conference Newsletter for more details on registration, housing, and program.

We, the Annual Meeting Task Group, are excited about our meeting and hope you are making your plans to attend.

Wilma Crosby, Chairperson

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE
JULY 16-19
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS
OCTOBER 6-14, 1984

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING
OCTOBER 20, 1984
HORSESHOE DRIVE U.M.C.
BETTY ROWELL, CHAIRPERSON

POLITICAL SKILLS WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 3, 1984
SARA FUGLER &
LOU ALEXANDER, CH.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
JANUARY 27, 1985

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 22-24, 1985
OLA FISHER, CHAIRPERSON

LA. CONF. U.M.W. RETREAT
SPRING OF 1985
JACKIE MORGAN &
PAT COBB, CHAIRPERSONS

IN HONOR

At this time of year, units of United Methodist Women contribute to a special offering in honor of those women who are completing a term as a conference officer in our organization. A fitting tribute to those women who have devoted their time, talents, and resources in positions of leadership, is a Gift to Missions or a Special Mission Recognition Pin, depending upon the length of time served in the office.

Those desiring to participate in this gesture of appreciation should send their gifts to their District Treasurer with the second quarter reports, due June 15. Contributions sent will help us fulfill our conference pledge to missions.

Your generosity in the past has been very much appreciated by the retiring conference officers, and I know you want to be a part in those retiring this year. They will be honored at the Conference Annual Meeting in Ruston at Trinity United Methodist Church, September 14-15. I hope all of you will be able to attend!

Yours in Christian Love,
Wanda Nelson
Conference Treasurer

Send this entire form (Registration and Housing) with check payable to "Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women" for REGISTRATION FEE ONLY. Send to:

Registrar: Mrs. Pat Cobb
7117 Memphis Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

Registration Fees:
Attending one school $10.00
Attending both schools. $12.00

REGISTRATION FORM

Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

Check School attending:
School I (Week-day) July 24-27, 1984 ( )
School II (Week-end) July 27-29, 1984 ( )

Name_____

Address_____

_____ Zip_____

Church_____ District_____

Studies
Everyone participates in Bible study: Ephesians
Choose one of following:
Swords into Plowshares ( ) Korea ( ) ( )

Address if not staying on campus — Phone_____

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Check here if attending for first time_____

HOUSING

Name_____

Address_____

_____ Zip_____

Roommate preferred_____
(please submit together if possible)

First Floor necessary_____
(limited number available)

Arriving: Date_____ Time_____

School I_____ School II_____

GENERAL INFORMATION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

The School of Christian Mission will be held on Centenary College Campus, Shreveport, Louisiana. The special emphasis of the school is placed on the training of leadership and membership, general understanding of the role of the organization and the interpretation of the purpose and total program of United Methodist Women. During 1984, the designated area of "Mission Study" will include, "Swords into Plowshares--Visions of Peace", "Ephesians", and "Korea".

PREPARATION

Each participant will take two classes. All will participate in the study of "Ephesians". Be sure to indicate your choice of one of the other two studies on your registration form. All texts and resource books may be ordered from: **Service Center, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237** Watch for special issues of "Response" and "World Outlook". Try to read the texts before coming to school.

"Swords Into Plowshares: Visions of Peace"
Visions of Peace $5.95
Guide: Living our Visions of Peace 4.95

"Korea"
Fire Beneath the Forest (Guide Included) 5.95

"Ephesians"
Imitators of God 1.50

HOUSING

Reservations for housing will be available on an individual basis, dormitory style. Bring bed linens, pillows, BLANKETS, towels. Come prepared for rain. Dormitories are air-conditioned; so you may need a sweater. Please bring good walking shoes. Register early! This is most important if you have special needs because of health problems. Check with the person you list as a preferred roommate before sending in your registration forms.

COST

Everyone living on the campus must purchase a meal ticket. Weekday School includes Tuesday's lunch through Friday's breakfast. Weekend School includes Friday evening dinner through Sunday's breakfast.

—Weekday School—		—Weekend School—	
Meals	$28.50 (9 meals)	Meals	$15.75 (5 meals)
Housing	30.00 (3 nights)	Housing	20.00 (2 nights)
Total	$58.50	Total	$35.75

NURSES

Our nurse for the Weekday School will be Eula Wyatt and for the Weekend School, Diane Smith. We especially thank our nurses for accepting this responsibility.

YOUR ADDRESS ON CAMPUS (during Schools)

James Dormitory. . P. O. Box 4188 . Centenary College
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104 . . . Phone (318) 869-5313

MEDITATION ROOM

This room will be located in James Dormitory. Please take time to stop for a few minutes in its quiet atmosphere. We hope you will daily ask God to direct and guide us during the week of mission instruction. You are welcome to use any of the materials, but do not remove any books unless you check with Ola Fisher, who will be in charge of this area.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

The program resource room will have an abundant supply of your selected study materials for sale. There will be additional resources for promotion of United Methodist Women's program. Lueburda Myers is in charge of this room.

RESOURCE/LEARNING CENTER

The learning center offers many lovely displays and numerous study resources. This has become an important asset of our school. Marion Eggerton is responsible for this area.

AUDIO VISUALS

The audio visuals serve as an important factor of the school. You will have the opportunity to see many new AV's under the direction of Lottie Palazzo.

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WOMEN'S

SUNDAY 1984

Congratulations to the 125 units that have reported celebrations of United Methodist Women's Sunday! The results have been very exciting and rewarding to all participants. It has become a very special day in our Conference. There must be others that have not reported. If the evaluation (report form) has been misplaced, please send a note or post card with the day's experiences to Fran Hall, 1641 Avondale Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. Remember next year's United Methodist Women's Sunday will be on January 27, 1985.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Janelle McCammon, Chairperson reported a very successful workshop held at Toro Hills in January. Leaders for this event were Andris Salter, Wilma Meier and Lillian Sloan, from the Women's Division. Approximately 35 Conference and District officers were in attendance for the three day event.

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STAFF
CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION
Centenary College
July 24-29, 1984

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SPECIAL EMPHASIS. . . . . .Anne Hearn
Estelle Dameron
EVALUATION. . . . . Nell Read
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES . . . . . Fran Hall

As we "go to press" and by the time you receive this newsletter, two very important meetings will have taken place in our United Methodist Church. First, the South Central Jurisdiction meeting of the United Methodist Church will be held in Wichita, Kansas, April 13-15. Delegates from Louisiana will be Nell Read, Fran Hall, Norma Winegeart, Wanda Nelson, Evelyn Evans, and Taylor Phillip. Alternates are Lottie Palazzo and Ola Fisher. While there, they will vote on nominees for the Women's Division. Nominated from our Conference were Elizabeth Thomas, Janelle McCammon, and Anne Hearn. We will want to keep all these ladies in our prayers as they attend this meeting. The General Conference of our United Methodist Church convenes in Baltimore, Maryland, May 1 and extends through May 11. Nancy Carruth is leading our Louisiana Delegation to this and also included in the lay delegates are Amy Ward and Inez Chrisentery. Kathi Finnell, Sara Fugler, Dorothy Taylor and Elizabeth McGowen are reserve delegates. Please keep these women, the laymen and clergy delegates in your daily prayers as they debate the issues coming before this body of the church. These are crucial times that demand our best efforts.

The Editor

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Our Share in the Heritage

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
September 14-15, 1984

Dr. Vela Cleveland

Trinity Methodist Church
Ruston, Louisiana

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene in the sanctuary of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston, Louisiana, on Friday, September 14, 1984, at 12:50 P.M. Mrs. Nell Read, Conference President, will preside over the meeting and the Reverend Chris Andrews is the host pastor.

Mrs. Wilma Crosby is Chairperson of the Annual Meeting Program this year and the theme is "OUR SHARE IN THE HERITAGE." The speaker for this important event will be Dr. Vela Cleveland, medical missionary to India.

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women are invited to attend the Eleventh Annual Meeting, September 14-15, 1984, to be held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Ruston. Registration will be from 9:00 A.M. until noon, Friday.

The voting membership (delegates) will be composed of the following persons: members of the conference executive committee; district officers, presidents and chairpersons of the former Conferences A and B, and their predecessor organizations. Local units shall be represented at the annual meeting on the basis of one delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof, providing that every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership shall be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the Conference President 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. (Standing rules of the Organization.)

Each registered guest is covered by insurance through the meeting from the time of departure for the event until returning home, which is the reason that everyone attending must pay the registration fee. The insurance fee, cost of packets, cost of speaker, and general expenses of the meeting are partially covered by this registration fee.

This year there will be no banquet on Friday evening. Time will be allowed between the afternoon and evening sessions for a meal on your own. Ruston District United Methodist Women will furnish lunch on Friday and Saturday; also juice, coffee, and rolls on Saturday morning at no cost to the participants. We appreciate the generous hospitality of the local and district women who are preparing for our welcome and comfort.

We look forward to this time of worship, inspiration, and fellowship. May we open our hearts and minds for a spiritual adventure!

Nell Read, Conference President

The "Mission Candles" will be used again this year at the Annual Meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston, September 14-15. The three candles will be lighted.

The large Heritage Candle will be used for a Memorial to those who have preceded us in United Methodist Women's work; the Present Candle will honor those presently serving, and the third candle will honor the young persons in our families that are our hope for the future.

As in recent years, you are encouraged to submit a name or names with your gifts, and these names will be inscribed in the book to be displayed near the candles.

The cost of missions for one minute this year is $31.76, less than a dollar increase over the cost for last year. Your gifts totaled $10,827.38 last year, and the total was sent undesignated to the Women's Division and helped us overpay our pledge to missions. Since our pledge has been increased to $215,000 this year, any increase in Mission Candle gifts will aid us in meeting it.

This year please send your gifts to our former Conference Treasurer, whose name and address is listed below:

Mrs. Shirley Hoffpauir
Route 8, Box 1549
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70605

Your gifts should reach Shirley before September 10 in order for her to get the names in the book. Your support of the "Mission Candle" in recent years has made it a highlight of our Annual Meeting. This year let's keep the candles burning until the meeting adjourns.

Yours in Christian love,

Wanda B. Nelson
Conference Treasurer

The following nominees are submitted for your consideration. Election will take place on Friday afternoon of Annual Meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT:
Norma Winegeart
9212 Kingston Road
Shreveport, LA 71118

TREASURER:
Judith Rountree
507 Main Street
Gueydan, LA 70542

SEC. FOR FINANCIAL INTERPRETATION:
Barbara L. Woods
2334 Cherokee Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

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Ella Mae Custer
2913 Dick Taylor
Monroe, LA 71202

CHRISTIAN GLOBAL CONCERNS:
Johnnye Butler
724 18th Avenue
Franklinton, LA 70438

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT:
Taylor Phillip
Box 931
Lake Arthur, LA 70549

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY:
Madge Lewis
Box 211
Haynesville, LA 71038

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:
Margaret Burris
Rt. 6, Box 30
Franklinton, LA 70438

NEW MEMBERS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTED FOR A THREE YEAR TERM:
Mary Parker
902 N. Simmons
Lake Charles, LA 70601

Elizabeth Lowrey
P. O. Box 1139
Mansfield, LA 71052

Idell Simms
Rt. 1, Box 174
Shongaloo, LA 71022

At the April meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction meeting of United Methodist Women, Anne Hearn, Conference Coordinator of Christian Global Concerns, was elected as a nominee to the Women's Division and also as a member of the Committee on Nominations for the Core Planning Group for the South Central Jurisdiction.

CONGRATULATIONS ANNE! ! ! !

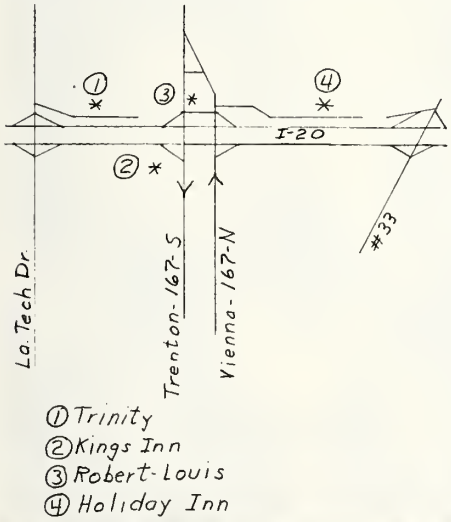
HOUSING INFORMATION

HOLIDAY INN
P. O. Box 1189
Ruston, La. Phone (318) 255-5901
Rates: $32.00 plus tax (1 person)
36.00 plus tax (2 persons)
40.00 plus tax (3 persons)
44.00 plus tax (4 persons)

ROBERT LOUIS HOTEL
1300 N. Trenton
Ruston, La. Phone (318) 255-2911
Rates: $25.00 plus tax (1 person)
27.00 plus tax (2 persons)
29.00 plus tax (3 persons)
33.00 plus tax (4 persons)

KINGS INN MOTEL
1111 N. Trenton
Ruston, La. Phone (318) 251-0000
Rates: $29.00 plus tax (1 person)
33.00 plus tax (2 persons)
39.00 plus tax (4 persons)

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION WITH THE HOTEL of your choice and indicate that you are with the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN.



LOCAL COMMITTEE
Front Row: Gladys Haley & Mary Eleanor Price
Back Row: Rev. Chris Andrews, Mary Margaret Barr, Rev. Rolly Walker and Anita Bell

PROGRAM

"OUR SHARE IN THE HERITAGE"

Friday, September 14, 1984
12:50 P.M. Organ Prelude . . . . . James McLelland
Convening of Annual Meeting . . . . . Nell Read
Opening Worship . . . . . Audrey Milo
Fay Barr-Hartung
Lighting Mission Candle of Heritage . . . . . Maude Harris
1884 Meeting in Mansfield . . . . . Mansfield Unit
Welcome . . . . . Mary Price
Mary Margaret Barr
Rev. Chris Andrews
Presentation of Program . . . . . Wilma Crosby
Linda Shepherd
President's Report . . . . . Nell Read
Business:
Appointment of Committees
Recommendations
from Executive Committee . . . . Evelyn Evans
Report of Treasurer
Presentation & Adoption of Budget . . Wanda Nelson
Report of Committee
on Nominations . . . . . Dorothy Abraham
Report of
Out of Conference Events . . . Norma Winegeart
Church Women United State Assembly . . . Lottie Palazzo
Church Women United
National Assembly . . . . . Mary Margaret Barr
World Federation of Methodist Women . . . . . Elsie Terral
South Central Jurisdiction. . . . . Taylor Phillips
West Gulf Regional School . . . . . Dorothy Abraham
General & Jurisdictional Conferences . . Nancy M. Carruth
Directed Break . . . . . Audrey Milo
"Answers to Your Questions" . . Conference Officers
"A Lost History" . . . . . A documentary hosted by
Lynn Redgrave

Friday Evening
7:00 P.M. Organ Prelude . . . . . James McLelland
Call to Service. . . . . Audrey Milo
Fay Barr-Hartung
Lighting Mission Candle of Witness . . . . . Marta Sanfiel
Message . . . . . Dr. Vela Cleveland
Special Music . . . . . Trinity Trio
Offering
Directed Break . . . . . Audrey Milo
Pledge Service - "Lighting Pathways" . . . Wanda Nelson

Saturday, September 15, 1984
7:30 A.M. Continental Breakfast
8:30 A.M. Organ Prelude . . . . . James McLelland
Morning Worship . . . . . Audrey Milo
Fay Barr-Hartung
Lighting Mission Candle of Challenge . . . Stacy Hennen
Recognition of New Units. . . . . Fran Hall
Honoring Retiring
Conference Leaders. . . . . Janet Hoffpauir
Installation of New Officers. . . . . Dr. Marilyn Ray
Report of Registration
Invitation to 1985 Annual Meeting
Directed Break . . . . . Audrey Milo
"Love Feast" . . . . . Brenda Layman
Louise Thomas
Adjournment

DID_____

YOU_____

KNOW?

That the first Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South was held in June 1884 in the Mansfield Church?

One hundred years later, we will open our Annual Meeting with a skit based on the actual minutes of this meeting. Most appropriately, the skit will be presented by the Mansfield Unit of United Methodist Women.

The original skit, edited for this occasion, was written by Mrs. Guy M. (Bess) Hicks as a portion of "Jewels of the Kingdom" which was a part of the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration in 1954.

That different events are planned each year in the hope that they will be of interest to you? One of these will be the Friday afternoon session called, "Answers To Your Questions." This will be a time to ask our Conference Officers questions you have needed answered. It may be about the studies; reading program; monies; organization. This can be a valuable learning time.

Or you may choose to see, "A Lost History," a documentary hosted by Lynn Redgrave. This is the story of courageous women of the church such as Harriet Tubman; Mary McLeod Bethune; Bishop Marjorie Matthews and others.

That there will NOT be a banquet on Friday night? You will have ample time between the afternoon and evening sessions to secure your meal on your own. We are 'trying' this in response to a concern over the increasing cost each year of having a banquet.

That the offering taken at the Friday evening service will be sent to the Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital and School of Nursing in India honoring our speaker that evening, Dr. Vela Cleveland? The Saturday morning offering received during our Love Feast will be for our own Peoples' Community Center in New Orleans.

That the units that have been organized this year will receive a special recognition at Annual Meeting?

You won't want to miss any of this time of inspiration and fellowship! ! !

DR. VELA CLEVELAND TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL MEETING

The speaker this year will be Dr. Vela Cleveland of New Orleans. She was born in Florida, received her A.B. degree from Asbury College and subsequent degrees from University of Kentucky, Duke University, and her M.D. from Tulane School of Medicine. She did her internship and residency in pediatrics at Charity Hospital, New Orleans, and later, a residency in anesthesia. She taught in schools in Florida and North Carolina, as well as Tulane. During the 21 years she served in India, she was not only the Anesthesiologist for 19 years at Ellen Thoburn Cowen Hospital, Kolar, but also served as All India Secretary of the Methodist Medical Scholarship Committee for 8 years, taught many classes in the School of Nursing including English, growth and development pediatrics, and anesthesia. For her last 8 years there, she was also the Associate Administrator of the Hospital. She retired from India in 1980 and has been residing in New Orleans since then. We welcome her to our Annual Meeting and look forward to her message.

Rev. Brenda Layman

REV. BRENDA LAYMAN TO LEAD LOVE FEAST

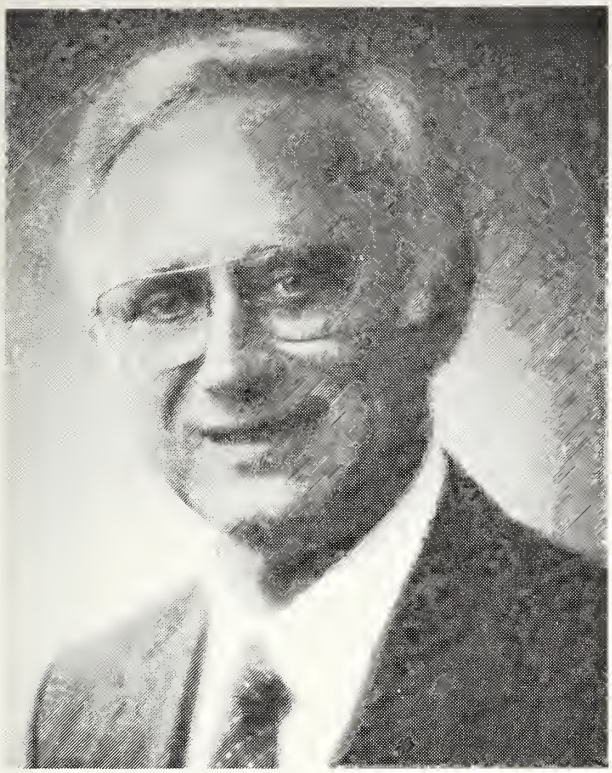
The Annual Meeting, this year, will feature (at the final session) a "Love Feast" to be led by the Reverend Brenda Tauscher Layman. Brenda was born in New York, but grew up in Florida. She received her B.A. in Christian Education from Florida Southern College and her M.TH. degree from Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U. She has served as Associate at First U.M. Church in Alexandria and is now serving her fourth year as minister to the Choudrant-Douglas Charge, Ruston District. Brenda is married to Bruce Layman who is studying architecture at Louisiana Tech.

Assisting her in this portion of the Annual Meeting will be Louise Thomas.

Portion of Annual Meeting Program Committee. . .

Front Row: Wilma Crosby and Linda Shepherd
Co-chairpersons of Annual Meeting

Back Row: Nell Read, Conference President
Anita Bell, Local President, Trinity
Mary Margaret Barr, Ruston District President



Bishop Walter L. Underwood

The United Methodist Women of the Louisiana Conference join with all other United Methodists throughout the state in welcoming to our area Walter L. Underwood, Bishop of the United Methodist Church. Bishop Underwood was born in Kentucky and was the son of Dr. J. E. Underwood, minister of the Memphis Annual Conference. He is a graudate of the University of Virginia, received his Master of Divinity from Southern Methodist University and his Doctor of Divinity from Texas Wesleyan. Bishop Underwood comes to us from St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, one of the largest churches in our denomination. He serves on many institutional boards within our connection and has served on the General Board of Pensions.

The Louisiana delegation to the South Central Jurisdictional Conference voted unanimously to request the assignment of Bishop Underwood to our area and we are delighted to welcome him and his lovely wife, Billye, to our Conference.

–LOUISIANA WOMEN ELECTED TO GENERAL BOARDS AND AGENCIES OF THE CHURCH–

Dr. Nancy M. Carruth

Nancy Carruth was reelected to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. She has served in the Division of Higher Education of that board and also on its Investment Committee this past quadrennium. Mrs. Carruth was elected to the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy and is one of the nominees from the College of Bishops to serve on the new hymnal study committee. Nancy serves as Conference Secretary of Publicity-Public Relations for the United Methodist Women and she chaired the Louisiana Delegation to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Mrs. Amy Ward

Amy Ward was reelected to the General Board of Global Ministries. She has served as Vice President of the Health and Welfare Ministries division of that board. She is a Director of the National Division. Amy is the past President of the Conference United Methodist Women and President of the Conference Council on Ministries. She was a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Rev. Carole Cotton-Winn

Carole Cotton-Winn was reelected to the General Board of Discipleship. She has served in the Section on Worship and the Long Range Planning Committee and Legislative Task Force. Carole is Co-Pastor of the Houma United Methodist Church and was a member of the Louisiana Delegation to Jurisdictional Conference.

Mrs. Dorothy Mae Taylor

Dorothy Mae Taylor was nominated to a group from which will be chosen members of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Mrs. Taylor is presently serving as Secretary of the Department of Urban and Community Affairs for the State of Louisiana. She serves on the Conference Board of Church and Society and was a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.

The Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women is justly proud of these of our group who have been elected to such positions of high honor within our denomination. Also elected at the South Central Jurisdictional Conference was Miss Laura Echols of Shreveport to the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. Reelected to the General Board of Publication was Dr. Alfred Norris, pastor of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, New Orleans. Mr. Welton Brumfield, Jr. of Amite was elected to the General Council on Ministries and Mr. J. Jay Caraway was named to the General Board of Church and Society..

Louisiana also rejoices in the election of J. Woodrow Hearn to the Episcopacy and wish the best of everything to "Woody and Anne" in their new assignment. We shall miss you both in our United Methodist Women, but we know that our loss is Nebraska's gain.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ONE HUNDRED WOMEN IN MISSION

The Women's Division will publish an "encyclopedia" of one hundred women in mission as part of the Centennial Era observance. As local units, district, conference and jurisdiction organizations of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are exploring their histories, new names and not previously known events are emerging. Many groups are becoming acutely aware of women in mission who have made unusual and sometimes quite unique contributions to and through the organization.

These discoveries, important to all of us, are the basis for the materials being gathered for the "encyclopedia." One hundred has been set as the number of biographical sketches to be printed since it appropriately complements the Centennial Era celebration.

The final volume will include 100 biographies which will be selected from among those submitted, as follows:

FIVE may be submitted from each conference;
THREE may be submitted from each Jurisdiction;
ONE may be submitted by each Director and staff member of the Women's Division

Of the five recommended by each conference, ONLY TWO can be representative of mission in the past 25 years. The others are to represent mission in earlier years.

The encyclopedia has not yet been named. You have an opportunity to name the book. If you have an idea, please send it along with the recommendation from your unit.

We are asking each unit in the Louisiana Conference to help us compile our nominees by sending ONE nominee from your unit for EACH category: active between 1959 and the present and active before 1959.

The conference committee will select from these nominees the five to be sent to the Women's Division. Those women whose names have been submitted from each unit, not selected for our conference list, will then be included in a book of Louisiana women in mission. It would be such a wonderful sense of history if each unit took this opportunity seriously and had women included in this Louisiana book.

Use the form at the conclusion of this announcement to prepare your biographies. Send them to the conference historian by September 10, 1984, or bring them to Annual Meeting.

If you do not want your nominees to be considered for the Women's Division encyclopedia, but would like them included in the Louisiana book, their names can be submitted no later than October 15, 1984.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ENCYCLOPEDIA OF
ONE HUNDRED WOMEN IN MISSION

Date_____ Unit making recommendation

Name of person being recommended_____
(Include maiden and given name, if possible)

Birth date_____ Death date_____

Predecessor denomination/organization_____
Check appropriate designation:
_____American Indian _____Asian _____Black _____Hispanic _____White
Biographical sketch not to exceed 200 words. (Include contribution to church/to society; why this woman's contribution is unique.) Mail by SEPTEMBER 10, 1984, to:
MARY LOU BLAKEMAN
6002 FERN AVENUE
SHREVEPORT, LA 71105

RECOMMENDATION FOR TITLE FOR ENCYCLOPEDIA OF
ONE HUNDRED WOMEN IN MISSION

Date_____
We would like to submit the following as the title for the Encyclopedia of One Hundred Women in Mission:

_____

Submitted by_____

Address_____

_____

Mail by SEPTEMBER 10, 1984, to:
MARY LOU BLAKEMAN
6002 FERN AVENUE
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POLITICAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

Why do we need more women in electoral politics?

Women are 53% of the U. S. population, yet hold only 10% of all elected offices!

Women have talents and skills in organizing, analyzing issues, caring for life, and in managing resources!

Women have commitments to the poor, to peace, and to equal opportunities for ALL!

Where do we start?

By assessing our skills and developing new ones through education and training.

The United Methodist Women, acting from a commitment to the Biblical mandate for justice, are offering a one day workshop to assess abilities, build political skills, and strengthen networks to run for office or work in campaigns.

This one day workshop will include a look at the Biblical call for justice, and provide training in political skills by staff of the National Women's Education Fund.

The workshop will be held at the Bellemont in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on Saturday, November 3, with registration at 9:00 A.M. The cost will be $20.00 per person which will include your lunch. The meeting will conclude around 4:00 P.M. If you are interested, please fill in the registration blank below and mail it along with your check for $20.00 to:

Political Skills Workshop
5637 Matthews Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70812

Chairing this event will be Marielouise Alexander and Sara S. Fugler.

POLITICAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

Name_____

_____

Address_____

_____

Phone_____

☐ Interested in running for office.

☐ Interested in working in or managing women's campaigns.

☐ Registration fee of $20.00 included

REGISTRATION FORM
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

September 14-15, 1984

Trinity United Methodist Church - (318) 251-0750
1000 Woodward Avenue W
Ruston, Louisiana

Send completed Registration Form and check to:

Mrs. E. O. Morgan
307 E. Texas
Ruston, Louisiana 71270
Phone: (318) 255-1633

Name_____

Address_____

_____ Phone_____

Check all that apply:

_____Conference Officer
_____District President or Treasurer
_____Other Member of Conference Executive Committee
_____Other District Officer
_____Local Unit Representative
☐ Voting ☐ Non-voting
_____Former Conference President or Conference Guild Secretary
_____Guest

Church_____

City/Town_____

District_____

Number in Local Unit_____

OFFICE HELD_____

Address during meeting_____

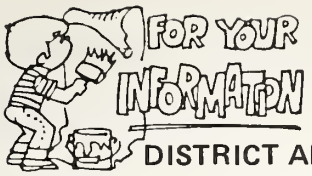
NURSERY CARE REQUESTED (Facilities available Friday 9:00-4:30 and Saturday 7:15-1:00)

Number of children_____ Age(s)_____

The registration fee for the meeting is $5.00, which includes cost of insurance (from time of departure for the meeting until return home), packet, and a small part of meeting expenses. Everyone attending the meeting or any part of it must pay the $5.00 registration fee.

REGISTRATION BEGINS FRIDAY 9:00 A.M.
IN THE GYMNASIUM OF THE CHURCH

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

October 6	Lake Charles District at First United Methodist Church, DeRidder
October 6	Monroe District at Memorial United Methodist Church, Bastrop
October 6	New Orleans-Slidell District at Elizabeth Sullivan United Methodist Church, Bogalusa
October 7	Baton Rouge - Hammond District at Blackwater United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge
October 7	Baton Rouge - Lafayette District at Wesley United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge
October 7	Ruston District at Brushwood United Methodist Church, Brushwood
October 14	Alexandria District at David Haas Memorial United Methodist Church, Bunkie
October 14	New Orleans-Houma District at Golden Meadow United Methodist Church, Golden Meadow
October 14	Shreveport District at Summergrove United Methodist Church, Shreveport

The District Elected Leaders Training will be October 20, 1984, at Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Louisiana. The church is located at 1600 Horseshoe Drive. The theme of the day is "District Leaders-The Link Between the Conference and Local Units." The day will begin with registration at 9:30 A.M. and close by 2:45 P.M. Mrs. Darlene Base of Hallsville, Texas, will be our guest speaker. She is the newly elected Vice President of the Jurisdiction Core Planning Group. ALL District Leaders are expected to be in attendance for this event. It will be a time of training, interpreting, and sharing. The meeting is chaired by Betty Rowell.

Political Skills Workshop — November 3, 1984
Bellemont Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Open to All
Chairpersons: Sara Fugler and Marielouise Alexander

United Methodist Women's Sunday - Jan. 27, 1985
To be observed in churches ALL over Louisiana

Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting
February 1985
All Conference Elected Leaders, Task Group Chairpersons, Appointed Leaders, District Presidents and District Treasurers

United Methodist Women Conference Retreat
March 22-24, 1985
Methodist Seashore Assembly Center, Biloxi, MS
Chairpersons: Jackie Morgan and Pat Cobb
Open to ALL

School of Christian Mission — July 1985
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana
Dean: Lottie Palazzo Assistant Dean: Ola Fisher
Open to ALL

ON YOUR MARK! ! ! ! ! !	Mark you Calendars March 22-24, 1985
GET SET! ! ! ! ! !	Think about arrangements that must be made for your family and your work
GO ! ! ! ! ! !	Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Retreat
SCORE! ! ! ! ! !	Study – Relaxation Fellowship – Fun
BE A WINNER! ! ! ! ! !	Methodist Seashore Assembly Center Biloxi, Mississippi

Anyone who is interested in helping with the music for our 1985 Retreat at Seashore Assembly, please contact **Betsy Willhite, Music Leader.** You may write her at **Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, 3900 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana,** or call her at **(504) 899-3431.**

–NEEDED–
Vocal Soloists
Instrumentalists
Interpretive dancers
Group singers

Elected leaders of the Conference attended West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission at S.M.U. in Dallas June 11-15. Ask Winderlean Lewis, who attended as a substitute for Norma Winegeart, if it wasn't a time of great awakening of the mind and heart. It was an enriching experience for all. While there, Lueburda Myers, our Conference Secretary of Program Resources was elected to the Regional Planning Team.

CONGRATULATIONS
LUEBURDA! ! ! ! ! ! !

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RETREAT

March 22, 23, 24, 1985

METHODIST SEASHORE ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

"Feasting on the Manna"

Mary Lou Blakeman

Louise Thomas

Co-Leaders

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;. . . If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit." *Galatians 5: 22-25*

The 1985 Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women's Retreat will again be held at the Methodist Seashore Assembly Grounds in Biloxi, Mississippi. The dates are March 22 through 24. Our theme this year, is "FEASTING ON THE MANNA." Is manna, the life sustaining food God gave to His people as they wandered in the sandy desert, available to us as we wander in the neon desert of modern life? What manna is God giving to us today?

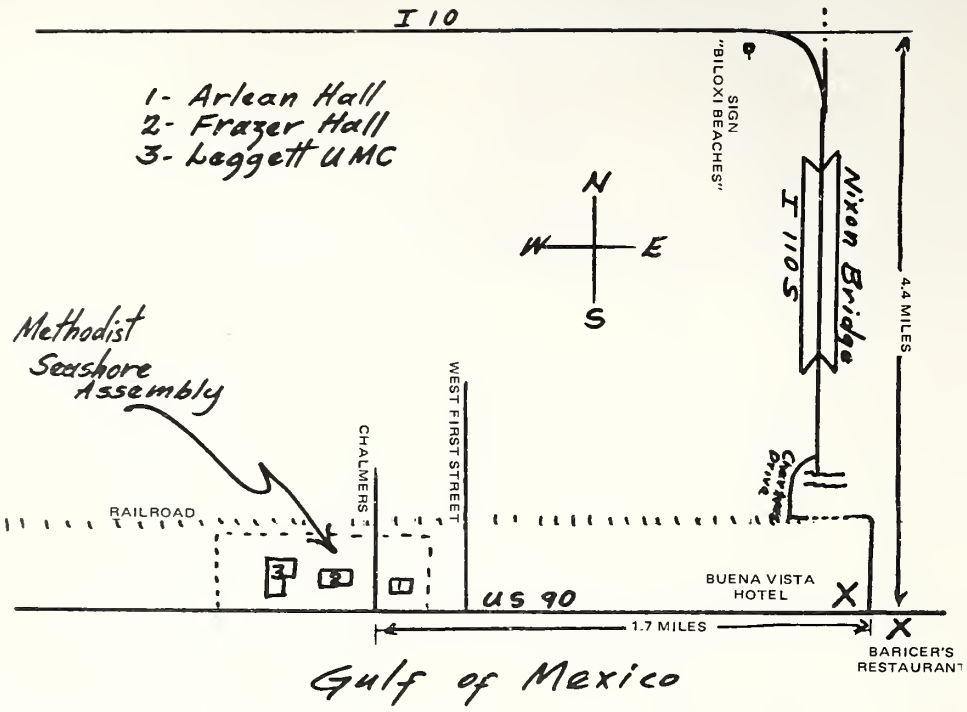
As we participate in the retreat, we will be having many different opportunities to explore and expose ourselves to God's gifts. Mary Lou Blakeman and Louise Thomas will lead us in exploring the Bible for ways that God gives to his people. Galatians 5: 22-25 is the theme scripture and talks of the fruit of the Spirit. We can't all have the gifts of the Spirit, but the fruit of the Spirit is ours for life today. Betsy Wilhite will be helping us find God's manna through song and times of fellowship.

We will be "feasting on the manna" during Holy Communion, ever keeping in mind the approach of Palm Sunday and Easter. Other opportunties to expose our life to God's gift of manna will come in quiet times and times of personal sharing and praying. Mary Lou, Louise, and Betsy are looking forward to being in retreat with each of you as together we "Feast on the Manna."

It is our privilege to welcome Rev. Kathryn Dauphin to United Methodist Women as communion celebrant for the 1985 Retreat.

Jackie Morgan is serving as Chairperson of the 1985 Retreat with Pat Cobb, Co-Chairperson.

Betsy Wilhite
Music Leader



GENERAL INFORMATION

THE METHODIST ASSEMBLY GROUNDS are made available to us by the Mississippi Conferences of the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women and Leggett Memorial United Methodist Church.

Linens are provided in the motel-type rooms. You may wish to bring your own pillow and something to sit upon out of doors. Comfortable clothes and walking shoes are a must. A flashlight would be helpful going to and fro in the evening.

ALL RETREATANTS are expected to stay on the Assembly Grounds and participate in the entire retreat. Please plan to eat all meals in the cafeteria and do not plan any other activities during the scheduled time.

You will want to bring your Bible, notebook and a copy of Sisters and Brothers Sing, if you have one.

UPON ARRIVAL check in at the lounge in Arlean Hall, the red brick building on the right. You will be expected between 3:00 and 5:00 o'clock on Friday the 22nd, and will receive your material, schedule and room assignment at that time.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
the Arlean Hall phone number is (601) 432-1761

TRAVEL INFORMATION

We suggest that you take the most direct route from your location to the junction of Interstate Highways 10, 12 and 59, just northeast of Slidell. At that junction, take I-10 east toward Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Stay on I-10 East past Gulfport. Take the I-110 South Exit to the right. This exit is marked Biloxi Beaches, Keesler Air Force Base. Continue south 4.4 miles until you reach the Coast Road - Highway 90. At that junction turn right and proceed west for 1.7 miles. On the right at Chalmers Street is Methodist Seashore Assembly.

PERSONAL RETREAT PREPARATION

Whether you will be physically present at the Assembly Grounds or participating at home, you will want to reread as many of the Psalms as possible beforehand. They will be an integral part of the worship in their written form as well as being set to music.

At Home Retreatants will receive the same program schedule and literature as those in Biloxi so that all may be together in the Spirit, doing much the same things at the same times.

RETREAT TASK GROUP

Jackie Morgan, Chairperson
Pat Cobb, Co-Chairperson
Ola B. Fisher
Wanda Nelson
Dorothy M. Taylor
Jane Eubanks
Betsy Wilhite
Mary Lou Blakeman
Louise Thomas
Nell Read
Nancy M. Carruth

WANTED! ! ! **WANTED! ! !**

Dancers needed for the retreat. . . . . .

Choir members are needed. . . . . .We know there are many willing voices in UMW

If you plan to attend the retreat and can help Betsy with the music, please contact her immediately at: Betsy Wilhite
Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church
3900 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70115

MEET THE LEADERS

Mary Lou Blakeman, our retreat leader, is a graduate of Centenary College and has done graduate work at S.M.U. She is the wife of Warren Blakeman, minister of Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Shreveport. They are the parents of three children. Mary Lou is active in local church work and has been on the District and Conference Executive Committees of the U.M.W. She has taught in several Conference Schools of Christian Mission in this conference and others. Mrs. Blakeman served as an Evaluator in the National Reading Program and is active in many local community causes. Currently she is enrolled in the Specialist of School Psychology Degree Program at L.S.U.-Shreveport.

Kathy Dauphin, who will serve as our Communion Celebrant, is the pastor of the Lacombe United Methodist Church. She is the wife of Ronald K. Dauphin, pastor of Pearl River United Methodist Church. Kathy received her BA from Centenary College, where she has served as Admissions Counselor for Church Careers. She is a 1984 graduate of Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia.

Louise Thomas holds degrees from Western Maryland College and Wellesley College. She is the wife of Edward Thomas, retired United Methodist minister and they have five children. She is active in local activites and in U.M.W. work on several levels. Louise has served as leader for many district retreats.

Betsy Wilhite, our music leader, is a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College and taught school for seven years. For the last six years she has been involved in full-time church work. Betsy has three sons and is active in local and district U.M.W. and church work. She is a former district officer in Florida and serves as music coordinator for many district and conference events.

Our final Treasurer's report for 1984 has just been completed and we have much to rejoice about! Our TOTAL giving for the year amounted to $327,001.59. Our Pledge to Mission giving (which is undesignated) was $265,008.96 and the designated giving was $61,992.63. We have paid $17,501.48 over the amount we pledged. Local units should be especially proud of their "second mile" giving since it was these gifts that 'put us over.' Approximately $18,000.00 was given in special memberships; $12,000.00 in World Thank Offerings; and $10,500.00 for the Mission Candle. ALL nine districts paid more than they pledged. Their pledges and amounts given are as follows:

	Pledged	Paid
Alexandria District	$19,635.00	$20,243.74
Baton Rouge-Hammond	24,000.00	28,341.22
Baton Rouge-Lafayette	23,000.00	30,419.11
Lake Charles	32,000.00	36,464.36
Monroe	21,000.00	24,089.30
New Orleans-Houma	22,050.00	24,034.34
New Orleans-Slidell	24,200.00	28,479.68
Ruston	23,000.00	27,076.46
Shreveport	35,200.00	45,302.50

We rejoice with Wanda Nelson, Conference Treasurer, in her final report and commend her and all nine of the District Treasurers for a job well done!

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The joy of love and the peace of Jesus Christ is alive in our world today.

Evidence of this is found in the commitment of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women to be in mission — strengthening our individual spiritual lives and using our talents and resources to spread the Good News of Christ's love.

In each local unit women find creative ways to serve and give. Because we care, we have responded to calls to give through Pledge to Missions so that those in full time service go all over the world helping others to achieve a better life. Because we care, we have funded programs in our own conference through our giving to Administration and Membership Development.

With God's help, we have completed a successful year and reach out in hope and love to a new year of continued service.

The most rewarding thing about working in United Methodist Women is the association with others who share a common purpose — to know Christ and to make Him known.

In Christ's love,

Nell

Nell

A COMMENTARY ON THE BOOKLET OPENING DOORS TO RACIAL-ETHNIC UNDERSTANDING – A REFLECTION AND ACTION GUIDE

The new Charter for Racial Justice policies was published by the Women's Division Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church in April, 1978. In February, 1982, a Conference Committee on the Implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies was established by the United Methodist Women's Conference of Louisiana. The committee adopted the following goals in April, 1982: (1) to help the Charter to come alive for local units of United Methodist Women and to encourage its implementation; (2) to encourage local units of United Methodist Women to serve as catalysts in motivating local churches to become aware of the Charter, and to promote its implementation through such groups as the Council on Ministries, work areas, and administrative boards; (3) to continue the promotion of the implementation of the Charter in district and conference organizations of United Methodist Women; and (4) to cooperate with conference boards, commissions, and committees in promoting the concerns of the Charter, especially through the Commission on Religion and Race, and the Ethnic Minority Local Church Special Ministries.

The by-word of the booklet printed on the cover reads: "We Though Are One in Christ" motivated the committee to develop its contents. The purpose of the booklet is to provide basic information and suggested activities which local units of United Methodist Women can utilize as they seriously endeavor to take steps toward the implementation of the Charter. The suggestions outlined in the booklet are intended to encourage the development of more creative plans and approaches to racial-ethnic understanding throughout the conference.

The material was organized to include the following: (1) the Biblical basis and theological perspective; (2) material for prayer and meditation; (3) Jesus the man; (4) ethnic heritage; (5) statements of inclusiveness; (6) definitions; (7) outline of the charter contents; (8) program suggestions for local units; (9) a test on prejudice; and (10) a section on resources. The section on resources is constantly being updated and addendums will be distributed.

As we study and use the booklet in UMW activities, let us look at Jesus. He was born in a world peopled with prejudices of all types, but he did not exhibit a trace of it. Those who stand on the side of Jesus Christ stand with all humanity. They discard prejudice whenever, however, and wherever they find it — confronting it in themselves first of all — then, and only then, in the world about them.

Erelene Bradford
Chairperson
Committee on Implementation of
Charter for Racial Justice Policies

1985 GOALS

in 1985-1988 Quadrennium

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE --- UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

FULFILL THE PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN TO KNOW GOD BY:

A. becoming a community of women who:
   1. meet regularly
   2. utilize United Methodist Women program resources
   3. promote 10% membership growth using "Called to Grow" theme
   4. organize/reactivate units

B. growing spiritually
   1. personal commitment to daily prayer and devotions
   2. participate in Bible study
   3. attend spiritual growth retreats

C. developing a creative, supportive fellowship inclusive of all women
   1. observe annual United Methodist Women Sunday
   2. promote Estelle Dameron scholarships for 1985 School of Christian Mission
   3. support Louisiana Conference missionaries and deaconesses
   4. implement Charter of Racial Justice policies

D. expanding concepts of mission
   1. participation in global ministries by:
      a. support projects through pledges, special recognitions, and undesignated giving
      b. support conference United Methodist Women administration and membership development by giving $1.00 per local member
      c. continue Centennial Celebration Fund
      d. increase subscriptions to "Response" and "New World Outlook"
   2. participation in conference ministries
      a. School of Christian Mission
      b. strive for excellence of study recognition
      c. continue to promote reading program
      d. attend Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting

The goals above were adopted by the Conference Committee on Program. You are encouraged to study them carefully and incorporate into your program the parts that are appropriate, adding your own strategies and implementations in the ways most effective for your District and Local Unit.

Norma Winegeart
Conference Vice President

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
January 27, 1985

We hope that every local unit had/will have a very successful observance of United Methodist Women's Sunday. If the fourth Sunday in January was not a convenient time, a later time for observance will be great. We strive for 100% participation. Please report your experiences and evaluations to: **Fran Hall, 1641 Avondale Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808,** Conference Chairperson of Membership and to your District Chairperson of Membership. Also, mark your calendars right now that United Methodist Women's Sunday will be on January 26, 1986 (the fourth Sunday in January).

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund, the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women offers 20 scholarships to the 1985 School of Christian Mission, July 16-19 (School I) and July 19-21 (School II). This has been made possible from gifts, special offerings, and the continual budgeting of local units. The Committee on Membership requests that the scholarships be offered early in order for all applicants to be given due consideration. The recipients will be announced in the MAY 1985 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION NEWSLETTER.

The criteria for one of the Scholarships is a willingness to attend the week-day or week-end School and to participate in all its activities. Applicant can be young, single, married, employed, student, retired, from a large or small unit. Persons other than members of United Methodist Women will be considered. PLEASE only one applicant per unit per school (I or II). Applications must be mailed to **Fran Hall, 1641 Avondale Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, phone (504) 926-3969, by April 15, 1985.**

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

District_____ Unit (name of church)_____ Location_____ New____ No. in Unit___

Name of Applicant_____

Address_____ Phone_____

Applicant has _____ has not_____ attended School of Christian Mission before.

Applicant prefers to attend week-day School I_____ week-end School II_____

Applicant's age grouping is:

Under 35_____ 36-50_____ 51 and above_____

Employed full time_____ Part time_____ Retired_____ Student_____ Homemaker____

Age of Children: Pre-school_____ School_____ Not at home____

Applicant's choice of study: CARING FOR GOD'S EARTH_____
NATIVE PEOPLES OF NORTH AMERICA_____
THE BOOK OF DANIEL will be taught for everyone.

Name of unit president or contact person_____

Address_____ Phone_____

To be filled in by applicant on separate sheet:
I would like to attend School of Mission because:_____

_____

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REGISTRATION AND HOUSING FORM
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED
METHODIST WOMEN — 1985 RETREAT
MARCH 22-23-24, 1985
Methodist Seashore Assembly, Biloxi, Mississippi

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ Zip_____

Phone No. (_____)_____

Church_____

City_____

District_____

☐ First Floor Accomodations needed

☐ Retreat Fee - check enclosed for $55.00 made payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

Names of roommates requested:
(Check with them first!)

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RETREAT REGISTRATION AND HOUSING INFORMATION

To register for the 1985 Retreat, fill in the form on the left, clip and send along with your check for $55.00 to:

Pat Cobb
7117 Memphis
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

The $55.00 you send will be for two nights lodging, five meals in the cafeteria (Friday night supper through Sunday breakfast) retreat material, travel insurance and a share in the overall expense.

ALL RETREATANTS are expected to stay on the Assembly Grounds. There are no accomodations for men. Rooms will be assigned as registrations are received. There is a limit of 150 in attendance. A 'waiting list' will be kept if necessary, and you will be notified. Substitutions may be made, but there will be **NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 9.**

Rooms for four persons share two beds and one bath. Rooms for three have three beds, but share the bath with another room of three. Select accordingly.

Indicate if first floor accomodations are needed, realizing that numerous requests may necessitate separating roommates.

REGISTRATION FORM
FOR AT HOME RETREATANTS ONLY

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ Zip_____

☐ At Home Fee - check enclosed for $2.00 made payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

AT HOME RETREATANTS INFORMATION

If you wish to participate at home, fill in the form to the left and mail along with your check for $2.00 to:

Ola B. Fisher
P. O. Box 686
Clinton, Louisiana 70722

Mail in time to reach Ola by MARCH 9. Material and instructions will be sent to you.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

January 27, 1985

ALL Churches Throughout the Conference

MID – YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 1-2
David Haas Memorial U.M.C.
Bunkie, Louisiana

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES WORKSHOP

February 22-24
Bellemont Motel
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Ola Fisher, Chairperson

CONFERENCE RETREAT

March 22-24
Methodist Seashore Assembly
Biloxi, Mississippi

Jackie Morgan, Chairperson
Pat Cobb, Co-Chairperson

NATIONAL SEMINAR

April 27
David Haas Memorial U.M.C.
Bunkie, Louisiana

Taylor Phllips, Chairperson

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

July 16-19
July 19-21
Centenary College
Shreveport, Louisiana

Lottie Palazzo, Dean
Ola Fisher, Associate Dean

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING

September 20-21
Asbury United
Methodist Church
Lafayette, Louisiana

Judy Sandlin, Chairperson
Betty Ferrington
Co-Chairperson

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Mrs. Nancy M. Carruth
P. O. Box 267
Bunkie, Louisiana 71322

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Dorothy Abraham has been appointed by President Nell Read to serve the unexpired term of Conference Historian. Dorothy lives in Lake Charles and has served in several capacities in United Methodist Women's work. She has just recently completed a term as Chairperson of the Conference Committee on Nominations for the U.M.W. We welcome Dorothy to this new position and encourage you to correspond with her in matters of history concerning our work. Her address is:
Dorothy Abraham
601 N. Cherry
Lake Charles, LA 70601

Louisiana Conference

United Methodist Women

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School Of Christian Mission - 1985

"CREATING A FUTURE WITH JUSTICE"

A school of Christian Mission is a time for learning--a time for challenge--a time for sharing ideas--a time for fellowship--A TIME FOR YOU! ! ! !

Lottie Palazzo
Dean

Our theme this year, "Creating a Future with Justice," challenges us to get involved! The leaders of our studies will guide us to an understanding of our place in God's plan for our world. You will want to order your texts early so that there is time to read them before you get to school. That is one good way to be prepared to participate in the learning experience.

Encourage others in your unit and your church to attend. Remember, your pastor and the Chairperson of the Mission Work Area are deeply involved in mission and could benefit from this shared time. Also, we could benefit from their ideas and experiences.

The District with the greatest percentage in attendance will receive special recognition, so get some car-pools organized and help your District and yourself!

Ola B. Fisher
Assistant Dean

All first timers are urged to attend the orientation sessions at the start of each school — 5:15 on Tuesday, July 16, and on Friday, July 19. This will be held in the Resource/Learning Center in the South Cafeteria. This will help us get to know you better and also help you to know how to participate in the school.

Please plan to arrive early enough to get registered and settled before the opening meal (lunch on Tuesday at 12:00 noon and dinner on Friday at 5:45 P.M.).

We will be expecting YOU! ! !

Lottie Palazzo
Dean of 1985 School

FROM THE ASSISTANT DEAN

It is such a pleasure for me to join Dean Palazzo in extending a warm and heartfelt welcome to each of you.

I am delighted to have the opportunity to serve the school as its assistant dean, and I will be looking forward to meeting each of you and assisting you in whatever way I am needed.

The theme for the school, "Creating a Future with Justice," is a very timely one, which I hope you will find meaningful as you engage in the various studies. This could very well be an experience that will remain in your hearts long after you have departed from the school and continue throughout your life as well.

May God bless each of you as you study, pray, worship, sing and fellowship with us at Centenary College in July.

—Ola B. Fisher

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Dean . . . . . Lottie Palazzo
Assistant Dean . . . . . Ola B. Fisher
Secretary . . . . . Evelyn Evans
Treasurer . . . . . Judith Rountree
Registrar . . . . . Pat Cobb
Housing . . . . . Virginia Aswell
Courtesy and . . . . . Patty Lindsey
Local Arrangements . . . Linda Shepherd
Program Resources . . . . Lueburda Myers
Music Coordinator . . . . . Betsy Wilhite
Pianist . . . . . Alice Story
Devotions and
Meditations . . . . . Ella Mae Custer
Publicity . . . . . Nancy M. Carruth
Resource/Learning
Center . . . . . Jane Scott
Evaluations . . . . . Norma Winegeart
Audio/Visuals . . . . . Taylor Phillips
Dorothy Abraham
Fellowship Night . . . . . Johnnye Butler
President . . . . . Nell Read

THOUGHTS CONCERNING OUR 1985 THEME

"CREATING A FUTURE WITH JUSTICE"

Suffering and persecution can strengthen the resolve and faith of a people. Faith in God will help persons face the future with hope that justice will prevail.

Partnership and a caring community can replace historic oppression and discriminations. Such relationships will affirm the identities and rights of people.

Personal and corporate domination has resulted in destruction and depletion of earth's resources. Responsible dominion can protect and preserve natural resources for all of God's creation both now and in the future.

Our three studies this year, "Daniel", "Native Peoples of North America", and "Caring for God's Earth" speak to these concerns so well and are most timely for today.

Our offering that will be received at School of Christian Mission this year has been designated for the work with the Navajo United Methodist Mission in Shiprock, New Mexico. This is within our own jurisdiction and the work provides for the Navajo Nation a means to find a more meaningful faith for themselves.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

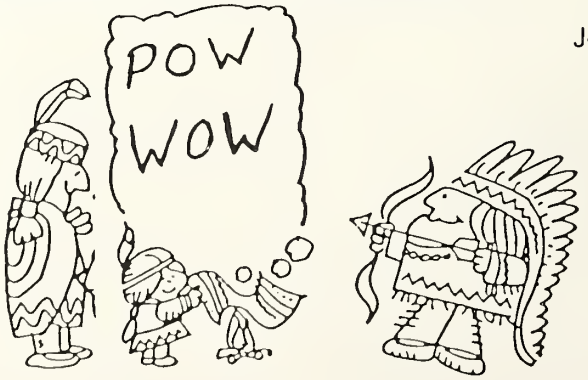
It is quite exciting to think about Fellowship Night for the year of '85. We will not be visiting another country, this year, but will learn more about some of our sisters and brothers right here in the U.S.A.

We are going to enjoy and share many of the features of our "Native Peoples of North America."

We want you to come and participate in a "BIG POW WOW". Songs, dances, games and other activities.

Please bring a head piece (a costume if you have one). We do hope you will come and make this a rewarding affair.

Johnnye Butler



WEEKDAY SCHOOL July 16-19, 1985 — WEEKEND SCHOOL July 19-21, 1985

TUESDAY July 16	WEDNESDAY July 17	THURSDAY July 18	FRIDAY July 19	SATURDAY July 20	SUNDAY July 21
9:00-12:00 Registration James Dormitory Visit Resource/ Learning Center & Program Resources	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:20 Singing (Smith) 8:30 Plenary (Smith) 10:15 - 11:45 Daniel	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:30 Sampler 9:30 Plenary (Smith) 10:15 - 11:45 Daniel	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:30 Class 9:45 - 11:00 Daniel 11:00 Closing WEEKDAY SCHOOL CLOSES	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:15 Class 11:00 Music/Interest AV/RLC	7:10 Worship 7:30 Breakfast 8:15 Class 9:45 Daniel 11:15 Closing WEEKEND SCHOOL CLOSES
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GENERAL INFORMATION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

The School of Christian Mission will be held on Centenary College Campus, Shreveport, Louisiana. The special emphasis of the school is placed on the training of leadership and membership, general understanding of the role of the organization and the interpretation of the purpose and total program of United Methodist Women. During 1985, the designated area of "Mission Study" will include "Daniel," "Caring for God's Earth," and "Native Peoples of North America."

PREPARATION

Each participant will take two classes. All will participate in the study of "Daniel". Be sure to indicate your choice of one of the other two studies on your registration form. All texts and resource books may be ordered from: **Service Center, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237.** Watch for special issues of "Response" and "World Outlook". Try to read the texts before coming to school.

"DANIEL"

A Tract for Troubled Times. $1.75

"CARING FOR GOD'S EARTH"

Pro-Earth; Readings on Current Land & Water Issues in the Global Environment 6.95

"NATIVE PEOPLES OF NORTH AMERICA"

Stories of Survival 5.95

Hear the Creator's Song (Guide). 4.50

HOUSING

Reservations for housing will be available on an individual basis, dormitory style. Bring bed linens, pillows, BLANKETS, towels. Come prepared for rain. Dormitories are air-conditioned; so you may need a sweater. Please bring good walking shoes. Register early! This is most important if you have special needs because of health problems. Check with the person you list as a preferred roommate before sending in your registration forms.

COST

Everyone living on the campus must purchase a meal ticket. Weekday School includes Tuesday's lunch through Friday's breakfast. Weekend School includes Friday evening dinner through Sunday's breakfast.

—Weekday School—		—Weekend School—	
Meals	$28.50 (9 meals)	Meals	$15.75 (5 meals)
Housing	30.00 (3 nights)	Housing	20.00 (2 nights)
Total	$58.50	Total	$35.75

NURSES

Our nurse for the Weekday School will be Eula Wyatt and for the Weekend School, Mary Plants. We especially thank our nurses for accepting this responsibility.

YOUR ADDRESS ON CAMPUS (during Schools)

James Dormitory, P. O. Box 4188, Centenary College
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104 — Phone (318) 869-5313

MEDITATION ROOM

This room will be located in James Dormitory. Please take time to stop for a few minutes in its quiet atmosphere. We hope you will daily ask God to direct and guide us during the week of mission instruction. You are welcome to use any of the materials, but do not remove any books unless you check with Ella Mae Custer, who will be in charre of this area.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

The program resource room will have an abundant supply of your selected study materials for sale. There will be additional resources for promotion of United Methodist Women's program. Lueburda Myers is in charge of this room.

RESOURCE/LEARNING CENTER

The learning center offers many lovely displays and numerous study resources. This has become an important asset of our school. Jane Scott is responsible for this area.

AUDIO VISUALS

The audio visuals serve as an important factor of the school. You will have the opportunity to see many new AV's under the direction of Taylor Phillips and Dorothy Abraham.

INTRODUCING 1985 SCHOOL O

for: "CARING FOR GOD'S EARTH"

Jo Anne Wilshusen

Jo Anne Wilshusen is Program Associate at St. John's United Methodist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas, where she has taught an adult Bible class for 20 years. She has served as Conference President of U.M.W. as well as Dean of School of Christian Mission. Presently she is on the General Board of Global Ministries and the Women's Division. Jo Anne has been a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 72, 76, 80, and 84. She has taught in regional schools, also. Married to a petroleum engineer, she is the mother of three sons and grandmother to four. Hobbies include travel, reading, gardening, arranging flowers and creating stained glass.

Bernice James

Bernice James is a member of New Zion United Methodist Church, Columbia, Mississippi, where she has served in many positions during the last 35 years. She serves as Coordinator of Adult Ministries and conducts tutoring sessions for children after school hours. On the Conference level, she holds many positions and is a Diaconal Minister. She is a graduate of Rust College, Gammon and Indiana University. Active in the field of teaching until her retirement, she is the wife of a school administrator and mother of five children. Bernice is active in community affairs, also and has traveled extensively.

Charles McClure

Charles McClure was born in Jackson, Mississippi, and lived in DeRidder, Louisiana, before moving to Texas. He is a graduate of Southwestern and Perkins School of Theology. Currently he is pastor of First United Methodist Church in Ennis, Texas. Charles has also served in campus ministry and as Bible instructor. He is married and has two sons. Charles has served as Assistant Dean of Central Texas School of Christian Mission and has previously taught in Louisiana and Texas Schools.

for: "DA

Webb D. Pomeroy is Professor of Religion at Cente College. Born in Fairbanks, Louisiana, he rec his education at Centenary, Union Theolo Seminary and University of Edinburgh, Scot He and his wife, Juanita, are the parents of children. Webb served in the U. S. Navy in W War II and is now active in his local church whe teaches a Church School class. He was selected a first encumbent of the T. L. James Chair of Reli when it was established in 1975.

CHRISTIAN MISSION TEACHERS

for: "NATIVE PEOPLES OF NORTH AMERICA"

Leora Hatch is a member of Kendall United Methodist Church in Miami, Florida, where she serves on the Administrative Board and chairs the Area on Missions. She is presently a Director of the Women's Division and has worked on all levels of United Methodist Women's work. "Lee" has worked primarily in organizational development and issues of global justice. She has traveled extensively and is now serving as a China Interpreter for World Division. She has worked with campus and urban ministry and helped organize Ministry with Refugee Women. Married to an Air Force retiree, Lee has three children and five grandchildren. She was elected President of the Southeastern Jurisdiction United Methodist Women in 1984.

Leora Hatch

Annette Sowell of Fort Worth, Texas, will receive her degree from Brite Divinity School in May, having already graduated from Texas Wesleyan College and Emory University. She has worked in Christian Education, Administrative Work, Pastoral Care, Worship, Evangelism, and Campus Ministry. Annette has also been a teacher, led retreats and worked in Crisis Intervention Workshops. Her husband chairs the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Texas Wesleyan College and they are the parents of three children. She serves as a resource leader and speaker for United Methodist Women.

Annette Sowell

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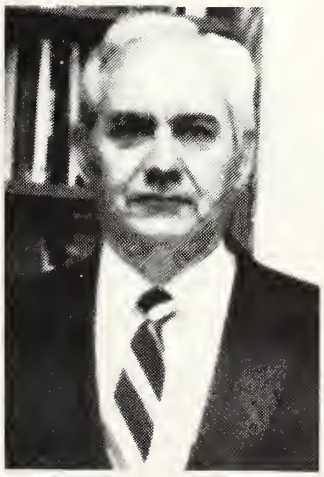
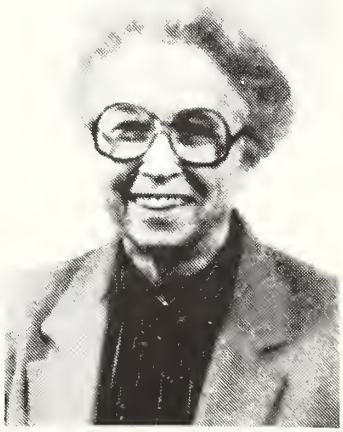


Webb D. Pomeroy

Leora Trice is a native of Dallas, Texas; educated in the public schools there and graduated from Southern Methodist University with a degree in Journalism. Further study was completed at L.S.U. She has served United Methodist Women on all levels and has taught in Schools in Louisiana, Kansas, Arkansas, and Texas. Leora is presently employed as Director/Librarian in the Resource Center for the Council on Ministries of North Texas Conference. She shared an interest in history of Methodism with her husband, the late Dr. W. E. Trice. During the Bicentennial Year of American Methodism, she visited numerous churches in Texas and Louisiana, portraying Susanna Wesley.



Leora Trice

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING
Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette, Louisiana
September 20-21, 1985

Be sure you place this important date on your calendar, right now! ! ! This event is being chaired by Judy Sandlin with Betty Ferrington as Co-Chairperson.

Judy sends us exciting news about our special guests for this occasion. Our own Bishop, Walter L. Underwood, will make his first 'official' visit to our Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting. He will be with us to lead us in Holy Communion on Saturday morning.

Our new President of the Women's Division, Carolyn Marshall of Indiana, has graciously accepted an invitation to be the keynote speaker at our meeting.

And, finally, do you remember that darling little girl who danced for us at School of Christian Mission a few years ago? Well, she is now a grown young lady and has been elected as a youth representative to the Women's Division. Her name is Paula Milo and she will also be with us in Lafayette.

There will be more, but this should whet your appetite and make you plan right now to be with us at Asbury, September 20! ! !

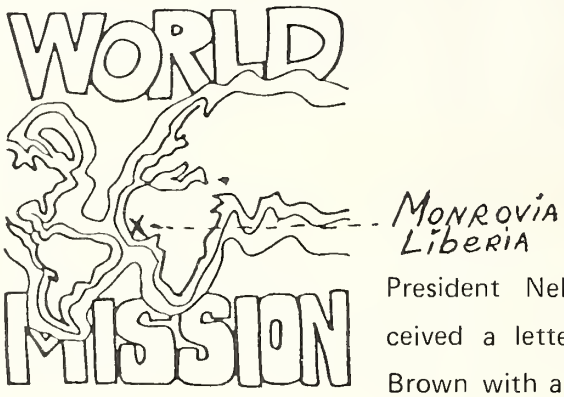
IN HONOR

Each year at this time, units of United Methodist Women throughout the Louisiana Conference join to honor women who are completing a term as a conference officer. A very appropriate tribute to those who have served as leaders in our organization is a Gift to Mission or a Special Mission Recognition, depending on the length of time served in the office.

Contributions to this special offering should be sent to the District Treasurers with the second quarterly reports which are due June 10. Gifts sent for this offering will apply to the district and conference pledges to mission.

Thank you for your continued generosity. Recognition of past service has always been appreciated by the retiring officers. Make plans now to attend the Conference Annual Meeting at Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette, September 20-21, at which time the retiring officers will be honored.

Barbara Woods
Secretary for
Financial Interpretation



President Nell Read has received a letter from Doretha Brown with an urgent request. As you know, Doretha is a missionary from our Conference to Liberia, West Africa. There she is the director of our hostel in Monrovia. They are in dire need of new dinnerware for the hostel. She has asked that we purchase the sets and ship them to her. If your unit would like to respond to Doretha's request, you may mail your contribution to the Conference Treasurer:

Judith Rountree
507 Main Street
Gueydon, Louisiana 70542

MAY 15th DEADLINE SET FOR STUDY OF EXCELLENCE

Units wishing to be recognized at the 1985 School of Christian Missions must report to their District Coordinators of Christian Global Concerns by May 15th with the following information:

(1) Name of Unit, Church, City and District

(2) Local President

(3) Name of Studies: and if applying for Banner Roll, describe action that resulted from study.

Approved studies for recognition are 1983-84: Gospel of Luke; Central Africa; The World's Uprooted.

1984-85: Swords Into Plowshears; A Vision of Peace; Ephesians; Korea.

Have a capable, responsible committee which makes detailed plans; a leader who is prepared and who can give capable group leadership; a minimum of six hours for the study group; preparation between sessions (reading the text, collecting pictures, AV's, etc.), class member participation (panels, discussions, informal drama, etc.), action growing out of study.

If your unit has made these specific accomplishments, please contact your District Christian Global Concerns Coordinator.

Reports from the local Unit should be returned to the District Coordinator by May 15, 1985.

Johnnye Butler
Conference Coordinator
Christian Global Concerns

Flash!

There are still some ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR THIS School. Encourage someone from your unit to apply right away. The application blank was included in your January 1985 Conference Newsletter. Contact your District President or District Chairperson of Membership for information. Send applications (or inquiries) to: Fran Hall, 1641 Avondale Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808.

Send this entire form (Registration and Housing) with check payable to "Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women" for REGISTRATION FEE ONLY to:

Registrar: Mrs. Pat Cobb
7117 Memphis Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

Registration Fees:
Attending one school $10.00
Attending both schools. $12.00

REGISTRATION FORM

Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

Check School attending:
School I (Week-day) July 16-19, 1985 ( )
School II (Week-end) July 19-21, 1985 ( )

Name_____

Address_____

_____ Zip_____

Church_____ District_____

Studies
Everyone participates in Bible Study (Daniel)
Choose one of the following:
Native Peoples of North America ( )
Caring for God's Earth ( )

Address if not staying on campus_____

_____ Phone_____

Check here if attending for first time_____

HOUSING

Name_____

Address_____

_____ Zip_____

Roommate preferred_____
(please submit together if possible)

First Floor necessary_____
(limited number available)

Arriving: Date_____ Time_____

School I_____ School II_____

"Feasting on the Manna"

March 22-24, 1985, was a special time at Biloxi, Mississippi's Seashore Assembly Center for 160 United Methodist Women. In addition to those who enjoyed the sun and sand, there were 130 retreating at home. Mary Lou Blakeman, Louise Thomas, and Rev. Kathy Dauphin inspired us all with their beautiful presentations.

We wish to especially thank those above, and also Betty Rowell, Helen Brock and soloists for their musical contributions. Each district provided refreshments, and table graces were beautifully provided by Janelle McCammon, Georgie Dunbar, Joyce Reed, and Mary Margaret Barr. Rev. Ed Thomas made a wooden dove for each participant.

God bless you all with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Jackie Morgan and Pat Cobb
Co-Chairpersons
1985 Retreat

U.M.W. SUNDAY 1985 GREAT SUCCESS

United Methodist Women's Sunday 1985 appears to be the greatest since its beginning in 1981. The celebration has become a well established special event in our Conference. If your unit has not reported its experiences of the day, please do so at once. The special form is preferred, but not absolutely necessary---a letter, note, or post card will be sufficient. Send to Fran Hall, 1641 Avondale Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808.

REMEMBER! ! ! ! !
UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN'S SUNDAY
JANUARY 26, 1986

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TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
September 20-21, 1985

New Beginnings

Carolyn M. Marshall
Women's Division President

Asbury United Methodist Church
Lafayette, Louisiana

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene in the sanctuary of Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette, Louisiana, on Friday, September 20, 1985, at 1:00 P.M. Mrs. Nell Read, Conference President, will preside over the meeting, and the Reverend L. Ray Branton is the host pastor.

The theme is "NEW BEGINNINGS" and the speaker will be Carolyn M. Marshall, President of the Women's Division.

Judy Sandlin is Chairperson of the Annual Meeting Program this year. Betty Ferrington is Co-Chairperson.

Nell Read

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Come, let us celebrate together! Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will gather at Asbury United Methodist Church in Lafayette for the Twelfth Annual Meeting, September 20-21, 1985. Registration will be from 9:00 A.M. until noon, Friday. The host district will provide a sandwich lunch. On Saturday there will be juice, coffee and rolls for breakfast and another sandwich lunch.

The voting membership (delegates) will be composed of the following persons: members of the conference executive committee, district officers, presidents and chairpersons of the former Conferences A and B, and their predecessor organizations. Local units shall be represented on the basis of one delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof, providing that every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership shall be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the Conference President 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. (Standing rules of the Organization.)

Each registered guest is covered by insurance from the time of departure for the event until returning home, which is the reason that everyone attending must pay the registration fee. The insurance fee, cost of packets, and other general expenses are partially covered by this fee.

The Friday evening meal will be served in the gym at Asbury Church in shifts. Some persons will be visiting Conference officers and Project Directors while others have their meal.

Parking space at the church is limited; so PLEASE, carpool and help us make space for all. May I suggest that the gasoline money that you save may be put in the offering!

Be there to meet the new President of the Women's Division, to renew old acquaintances, and to celebrate the joy we have in being in mission in this wonderful organization. Let us remember to give thanks for the generous hospitality of the local and district women who are preparing for our welcome and comfort.

Nell Read, Conference President

As we 'go to press,' our prayers and thoughts are with our Conference President, Nell Read, who underwent surgery on June 28 in St. Francis Hospital in Monroe. In her usual efficient way, her letter (above) was mailed before she went to the hospital. We are praying that she will soon regain her strength and be able to be with us again.

The "Mission Candles" will be used again this year at the Annual Meeting at Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette, September 20-21. The Three Candles will be lighted.

The large Heritage Candle will be used for a Memorial to those who have preceded us in the work of United Methodist Women and the predecessor organizations; the Present Candle will honor those presently serving; and the Future Candle will honor the young persons in our families that are our hope for the future.

As in recent years, you are encouraged to submit a name or names with your gifts, and these names will be inscribed in the book to be displayed near the candles.

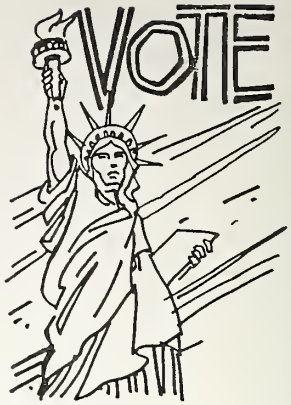
The cost of missions for one minute this year is $32.88, which is only $1.12 increase over the cost for last year. In 1984, your contributions to the Mission Candles were $10,349.32, and the total amount was sent undesignated to the Woman's Division. Your gifts this year will help to meet our pledge to mission of $225,000.00.

This year please send your gifts to: Mrs. Shirley Hoffpauir
Route 16, Box 1549
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70605

Your gifts should reach Shirley before September 5 in order for her to get the names in the book. Your support of the Mission Candles in recent years has made it a highlight of our Annual Meeting. This year let's keep the candles burning until the meeting adjourns.

Yours in Christian Love,

Barbara Woods
Secretary for Financial Interpretation



The following nominees are submitted for your consideration. Election will take place on Friday afternoon of Annual Meeting.

PRESIDENT:
Janelle McCammon
161 Emerite Drive
Lafayette, Louisiana 70506

SECRETARY:
Sally Turner
606 Marshall Avenue
Mansfield, Louisiana 71052

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR CHRISTIAN GLOBAL CONCERNS:
Johnnye Butler
724 18th Avenue
Franklinton, Louisiana 70438

SECRETARY PROGRAM RESOURCES:
Lueburda Myers
333 Holcomb Drive
Shreveport, Louisiana 71632

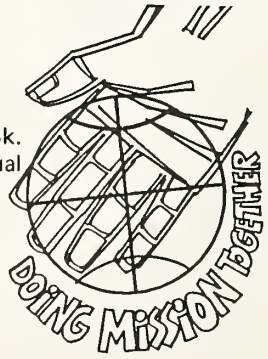
CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP:
Pat Cobb
7117 Memphis Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:
Emily Wiley
132 Catherine Street
Lafayette, Louisiana 70503

NEW MEMBERS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTED FOR A THREE YEAR TERM:
Willa Mae Kimbrough
Rt. 2, Box 26
Clinton, Louisiana 70722

Lorraine Sparks
2306 Oak Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Lynn Foil
1708 Kent Street
Metairie, Louisiana 70001



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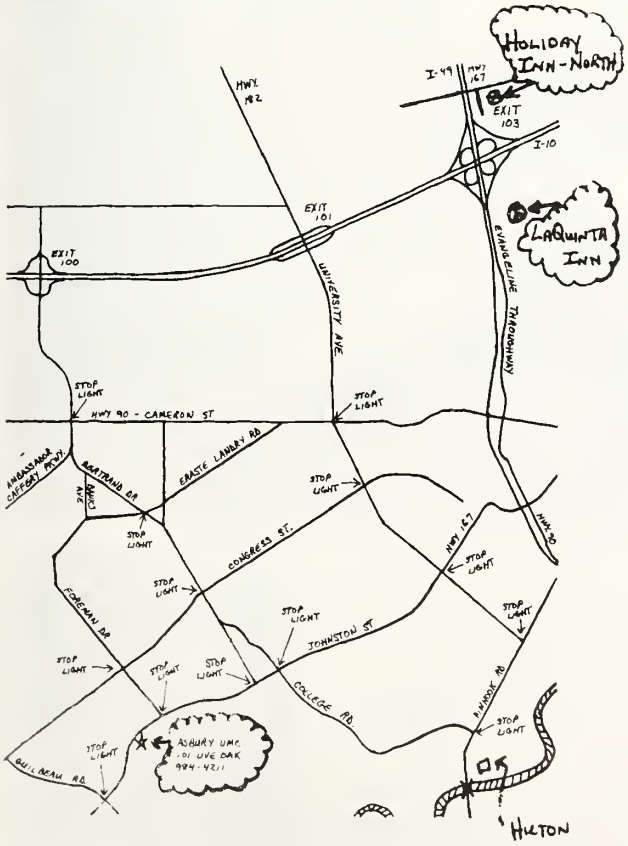
Reservations should be made as soon as possible because Lafayette's Festival Acadiens is also the weekend of September 20-21.



PROGRAM

New Beginnings

Friday, September 20, 1985

1:00 P.M. Organ Prelude

Convening of Annual Meeting	Nell Read
Welcome	Pat Parrott Janelle McCammon Rev. L. Ray Branton
Opening Worship	Rev. Carolyn P. Brannon
Lighting Missions Candles	Mary Adele Compton
Presentation of Program	Judy Sandlin Betty Ferrington
President's Report	Nell Read
Business:	
Appointment of Committees	
Recommendations from Executive Committee	Evelyn Evans
Report of Treasurer	
Presentation & Adoption of Budget	Judy Rountree
Report of Committee on Nominations	Margaret Burris
Break	
Reports, Recognition and Promotion:	
1986 Assembly	Marian Eggerton
Membership and Recognition of New Units	Fran Hall
Financial Interpretation	Barbara Woods
Skit — Prayer Calendar	
Program Resources	Lueburda Myers
Trip to Liberia	Nancy Carruth
US 2 — St. Mark's Community Center	Taryn Lindhorst
General Board of Global Ministries	Amy Ward

5:00-7:00 P.M. Informal Evening Meal in Gym
(During the evening meal there will be time to alternately visit the program resource room, meet the conference officers, and meet and talk with the Directors of Peoples Community Center, St. Mark's Community Center, MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services, and Dulac Community Center.)

7:00 P.M. Prelude — Asbury Ringers, Rosa Lynne Miller Director

Evening Worship	Rev. Carolyn P. Brannon
Offering	
Speaker	Carolyn M. Marshall
Benediction	

Saturday, September 21

8:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast in Gym
8:30 A.M. Prelude

Morning Worship	Rev. Carolyn P. Brannon
Honoring Retiring Conference Leaders	Gladys Prillerman
Installation of New Officers	
Reflections from a new Women's Division Director	Paula Milo
Pledge Service	Barbara Woods Judy Rountree
Report of Registration	
Invitation to 1986 Annual Meeting	
Break	
Service of Holy Communion	Walter L. Underwood Bishop

Special music by the Chancel Choir of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church - Kathleen Hutcherson, Director

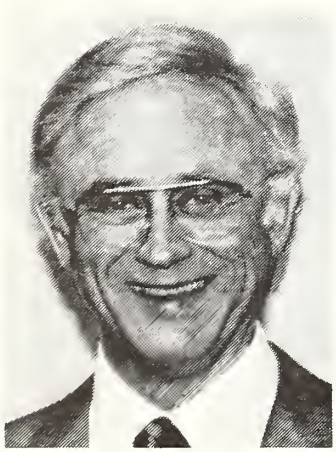
Adjournment

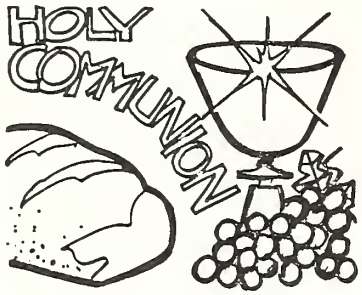
Program

The speaker this year will be Carolyn M. Marshall of Veedersburg, Indiana. Mrs. Marshall was elected last year to be President of the Women's Division for the 1984-1988 quadrennium. Mrs. Marshall and her husband have three daughters and one son. She received her B.S. degree in Business Administration from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, and her Doctor of Public Service from DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. Mrs. Marshall has a very impressive record of service to United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Church. She is presently treasurer of her local church, on the district Council on Ministries, and a member of the district UMW Executive Committee. On the conference level, she is Chairperson of the Council on Ministries Personnel Committee, Lay Member of Annual Conference, on the UMW Executive Committee, and the Capital Funds Committee. She was a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference in 1976, 1980, and 1984. She was also a delegate to General Conference in 1980 and 1984.

In conjunction with her duties as president of Women's Division, she serves on the Institutional and Voluntary Ministries Board of National Division and is Vice President of the General Board of Global Ministries Personnel and Nominations Committee. Mrs. Marshall also is very active in civic organizations.

We welcome her to Annual Meeting and look forward to her message.





BISHOP WALTER L. UNDERWOOD

The Annual Meeting will close this year with the service of Holy Communion led by Bishop Walter L. Underwood. Bishop Underwood was born in Kentucky and was the son of Dr. J. E. Underwood, minister of the Memphis Annual Conference. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia, received his Master of Divinity from Southern Methodist University and his Doctor of Divinity from Texas Wesleyan. Bishop Underwood came to our conference from St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, - one of the largest churches in our denomination. He serves on many institutional boards within our connection and has served on the General Board of Pensions. We are pleased that Bishop Underwood has made room in his busy schedule to come and share communion with us.

Carolyn P. Brannon and her son, Michael

CAROLYN P. BRANNON

We are pleased that the Rev. Carolyn P. Brannon will be leading our opening worship services. Carolyn is an ordained minister in our conference. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio; her Master of Arts degree from Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tennessee; and the Master of Theology degree from Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas. She has served churches in Vinton, Baton Rouge, and is presently assigned to the Wesley-Hackberry Charge at Sulphur.

Personnel

TARYN LINDHORST

Taryn Lindhorst is a US-2 newly assigned to St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans. She was born in Nevada and raised in Idaho, but she considers Washington home. She graduated from college in Washington with degrees in linguistics and women's studies. Before coming to St. Mark's, Taryn worked in a community center near the Mexican border in Calexico, California. We look forward to hearing from Taryn and her "new beginnings."

PAULA MILO

Paula was born in Alexandria, Louisiana, but as the daughter of Rev. Howard and Audrey Milo, she has lived in several places in the state. In 1983, Paula was selected to be a young adult representative of the Louisiana Conference UMW at National Seminar in Chico, California. Last year she was elected by the Women's Division to be on the Board of Directors.

This spring Paula graduated from Lafayette High School and she will enter the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette to study pre-law. We look forward to hearing from Paula.

AMY WARD

Amy Ward of St. Luke's UMC in New Orleans is Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the General Board of Global Ministries. She has served as Vice President of the Health and Welfare Ministries division of the Board and Vice Chairman of the Board. Amy is a past president of the Conference UMW and has been a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. She has had many "New Beginnings" and will share some of them with us.

NANCY M. CARRUTH

Nancy Carruth is a member of David Haas Memorial United Methodist Church in Bunkie and she serves as President of the Division of Higher Education on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministries. In this capacity, she was invited by Bishop Arthur Kulah of Liberia to visit his country and discuss the possibility of an institution of higher education being built there. Nancy serves the U.M.W. as the Editor and Public Relations Coordinator. She led the Louisiana delegation to the 1984 General Conference and is on several boards and committees in the conference.

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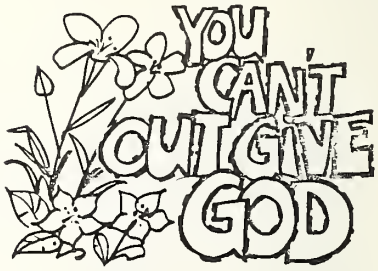
When visitors come to south Louisiana, the natives always try to help the newcomer "pass a good time." That tradition will be continued during the evening meal on Friday at the Annual Meeting. The hours between 5:00 and 7:00 P.M. will be filled with food, fun, fellowship, and even some information. The informal meal will be served in the church gym. The Program Resource room will be open. A special area has been designated for the project directors of People's, St. Mark's, and Dulac Community Centers and MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services to set up displays and visit and answer questions. Also the Conference officers will be available to answer questions and give suggestions to units with specific needs. So come prepared to eat, make new friends, renew old acquaintances, become more informed and PASS A GOOD TIME.



OFFERING

The offering from the Annual Meeting will go to the Centennial Celebration Fund. This fund will help develop new programs to address the needs of women and children in our world today.

LOCAL COMMITTEE

Janelle McCammon, President, Baton Rouge-Lafayette District; Pat Parrott, President, Asbury U.M.W.; Rev. L. Ray Branton, Senior Minister, Asbury U.M.C.; Myrna Walker, Chairperson, Local Arrangements Committee; Judy Sandlin, Chairperson, Annual Meeting Program Committee.

PARKING AT ASBURY

Asbury United Methodist Church is located in the heart of a very busy commercial section of Lafayette that borders a very densely populated residential section. Traffic is quite heavy and parking space is minimal. The church has only 125 spaces available in both parking lot and street parking. The businesses adjacent to the church do not appreciate their parking spaces being taken during work hours by people participating in church activities, and certainly we understand their position. Therefore it is imperative that we carpool from the motels to the church. There will be someone in the lobbies helping to arrange carpooling. If your car or van is not full when you leave the motel, please check for other riders.

At the recent Centenary College Alumni Weekend, Mrs. Virginia Laskey was named Honorary Alumna of the College. The award was presented at a banquet in June in the presence of many friends and family members of Mrs. Laskey. This is the latest in a long line of honors bestowed upon this outstanding layperson in our Conference. We join in congratulations to Virginia.

Mrs. Virginia Laskey, Honorary Alumna, and daughter, Mrs. Cecil Kilpatrick, Jr. of Mobile.

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

October 5 Baton Rouge-Lafayette District, Trinity U.M.C., Baldwin

October 5 Lake Charles District University U.M.C. Lake Charles

October 5 New Orleans-Slidell District Lake Vista U.M.C., New Orleans

October 5 Ruston District Farmerville U.M.C., Farmerville

October 6 Baton Rouge-Hammond District, First U.M.C., Denham Springs

October 13 Alexandria District First U.M.C., Winnfield

October 13 New Orleans-Houma District Gretna U.M.C., Gretna

October 13 Shreveport District First U.M.C., Shreveport

October 26 Monroe District Delhi U.M.C., Delhi

The District Elected Leaders Training will be held at First United Methodist Church in Pineville on October 19. It will be chaired by Georgie Dunbar. ALL District Leaders are expected to be in attendance for this event.

United Methodist Women's Sunday
Jaunary 26, 1986
To be observed in churches ALL over Louisiana

Mid Year Executive Committee Meeting
February 1986
All Conference Elected Leaders, Task Group Chairpersons, Appointed Leaders, District Presidents and District Treasurers

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ASSEMBLY
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
"Into the Future by Faith"
Anaheim, California
April 17-20, 1986

School of Christian Mission July 1986
Centenary College, Shreveport

Fifteenth World Methodist Conference
"Christ Jesus: God's 'Yes' for the World"
Nairobi, Kenya, Africa
July 23-29, 1986

REGISTRATION FORM
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

September 20-21, 1985
Asbury United Methodist Church
101 Live Oak Boulevard
Lafayette, Louisiana 70503
(318) 984-4211

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_____Former Conference President or Conference Guild Secretary
_____Guest

Church_____

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Number in Local Unit_____

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Number of children you are bringing_____ Ages_____

The registration fee for the meeting is $10.00, which includes cost of insurance (from time of departure for the meeting until return home), packet, the meal on Friday evening, and a small part of meeting expenses. Registration fee for those arriving after 6:30 P.M. Friday is $5.00.

REGISTRATION BEGINS FRIDAY, 9:00 A.M.
IN THE GYMNASIUM OF THE CHURCH

MAKE CHACK PAYABLE TO:
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

In the last newsletter, we sent out a 'special plea' for help in purchasing and sending dishes to our missionary, Doretha Brown in Monrovia, Liberia. Our thanks to each of you who responded. The following letter is from Doretha:

Monrovia United Methodist
Hostel
P. O. Box 1010
Monrovia, Liberia
June 21, 1985

United Methodist Women
The United Methodist Church
Louisiana Conference
Mrs. Cecil Read, President
P. O. Box 71
Farmerville, La. 71241

My Dear Sisters:

If I could speak all the languages in the world. . . only the words, THANK YOU. They will not be sufficient to express my appreciation to you for the gift you have sent us. Thank you for helping God to bless us.

The dishes arrived in good condition. One of the former Hostel students let us use her car to go to the airport. The chairperson of the Hostel Board (former Hostel student) and I went to pick them up. We had no problems at customs. I am sure it was the prayer you sent along with them.

Thank you. Please continue to keep us in your prayers during these difficult times.

God's blessings,

Doretha Brown

The Only, Doretha Brown

cc: Bishop A. F. Kulah
Dr. James Lyles
Mrs. Joana Bropleh,
Conference President,
U.M.W.
Mrs. Yei Ruth Wuor,
Chairperson,
Hostel Board

Editor's Note:

Many thanks to the units that have already responded to this request that was announced in the last newspaper. We still need donations to help in the expense of shipping the dishes to Liberia. Send your contribution to:

Mrs. Judy Rountree
507 Main Street
Gueydan, Louisiana 70542

Lottie Palazzo, Dean of the Conference School of Christian Mission, reports an outstanding faculty and staff combined to make two very successful schools. Rev. Charles McClure led the study on "Daniel". The "Native Peoples of North America" was taught by Leora Trice, Annette Sowell and Leora Hatch. "Caring for God's Earth" was led by Margaret St. Amant, Bernice James and Jo Anne Wilshusen. There were 24 students attending on Estelle Dameron Scholarships. Approximately 300 persons attended the schools and contributed an offering of over $1,000.00 to be sent to the Four Corners Native American Ministry in Shiprock, New Mexico. Ola Fisher served as Assistant Dean of the school.

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Louisiana Conference

United Methodist Women

Volume IX, No. 1 January 1986

Louisiana Conference U. M. W. Elects New President

Janelle McCammon

Jannelle Gunn McCammon was born and educated in Conway, Arkansas. She graduated from Hendrix College, the Methodist college of Arkansas, and has done graduate work at Louisiana State University and the University of Southwestern Louisiana. Janelle is the widow of the Reverend Robert McCammon, Methodist minister of this Conference, the mother of two daughters and grandmother to two. She and her late husband served churches in Arkansas before coming to Plaquemine, Louisiana in 1951. They also served in Lake Providence, Leesville, Asbury (Lafayette), Franklin and First United in Lafayette. Janelle is presently working in pastoral care at First United Methodist Church in Lafayette.

Upon arriving in Earle, Arkansas, at the age of 19, to teach, she became a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild and has been active in local units since that time. Janelle has served on the district level in many capacities and was Conference Secretary of Youth Work and of Missionary Personnel from 1958 to 1966. She has been actively related to the work of U.M.W. and its predecessor organizations all of her adult life, as well as participating in the total program of every church they served.

She is a Board member of MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services, Louisiana Association of Child Care Agencies, and the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation. Throughout the years, Janelle has been involved in many civic and service organizations as well as school organizations. She taught for three years before her marriage and for seventeen more after the children were in high school.

To quote our new President, "It has been a wonderful life — and I'm grateful for every new day."

And we in the Conference are grateful for this gracious lady who said, "Yes" to this call to serve in the capacity of Conference President of the United Methodist Women. We know that Janelle will bring to us the same good leadership capabilities that she has shown in other areas and we pledge our support to her in every way.

–FROM OUR PRESIDENT–

At the beginning of this new year we look backward upon 1985 with deepest gratitude for our many blessings and we look forward with high anticipation to the opportunities of 1986.

We in Louisiana are especially fortunate to have so many dedicated women serving in all the units throughout the state. This is reflected in the many programs and activities which you undertake in spiritual development, in expanding concepts of mission, and in establishing a greater feeling of supportive community. You are truly working to achieve the purpose of United Methodist Women! I look forward to your good reports which will soon be sent to me by your district presidents.

It was my special privilege to share in two recent meetings of great significance. The first was the meeting of the Women's Division in October. This meeting, attended by Division members and Conference representatives, included the Division's Celebration for the Centennial Era. Thirty-three of the One Hundred Women In Mission, chosen during the Centennial Era for special recognition, were present. We were so greatly honored that our beloved Virginia Laskey, former Louisiana Conference President and Women's Division President, was one of the 100 outstanding women of the past 100 years!

The second meeting was NOTE, New Officer Training Event. Sally Turner, Pat Cobb, and I attended from Louisiana. This, too, was a most informative, helpful, and inspiring experience. We were especially impressed by the dedication and hard work of both the staff and the Division members and their untiring efforts in our behalf.

The Assembly at Anaheim, California, April 17-20, provides for us a thrilling opportunity to join with more than 8,000 United Methodist Women from throughout the world in worship and celebration. Many have received registration packets. All registrations should be sent to me by January 20 in order that the reservations for our rooms at the Marriott Hotel can be secured. Our block of rooms cannot be held for us after February 1. So please do not delay in sending your reservations to me.

As I think of the heritage of United Methodist Women in Louisiana I remember with great appreciation all those leaders and members of years past. And I am especially grateful to Nell Read who has given such superb leadership throughout these past four years! We are deeply indebted to so many. Because of them we have a bright and challenging future as an organization in mission. May God continue to bless us as we endeavor to do His work in this new year!

Janelle McCammon

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

GOALS FOR 1986

Be obedient to the biblical mandate for mission through:

1. **Spiritual growth**
2. **Study and use of resources**
3. **Involvement of women of various ages, interests, races and employment**
4. **Education of membership to expand concepts of mission, outreach and action**
5. **Financial interpretation and stewardship**
6. **Caring for and supporting each other**

CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL

The theme for the *1986 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Observance* is "Towards Wholeness: Women and Health". The suggested time for this annual event is January, but each unit of United Methodist Women is urged to select a date that is most appropriate for local circumstances.

Part of the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is a sacrificial offering. Mission projects to receive funds from this offering will be related to the theme, and will be located in the United States and other countries.

Be sure to include this call in your calendar of important events and encourage participation by all members.

Editor's Note:

I am sure that many of you would like to have late news from Nell Read, our former Conference President. She has had further surgery (in December) and has recovered well from that. Subsequent treatment has been rather uncomfortable, but Nell is looking good and her indomitable spirit makes her a joy to visit! Having just visited with her, I can attest to that beautiful spirit and how thankful we are our Nell is doing this well. Continue to remember her in your prayers.

1986 ASSEMBLY
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Anaheim, California
April 17-20, 1986

They're going to Anaheim, 8600 women strong, next April -- but not for Mickey Mouse! They'll be climaxing a four-year observance of United Methodist Women's first 100 years. And they'll be challenged to follow Christ into a future filled with justice, peace, unity and hope.

The 1986 Assembly of United Methodist Women will open at the Convention Center with a salute to "100 women in mission." A number of honorees will march in procession with directors of the Women's Division, guests from overseas and representatives of denominational women's organizations.

The opening night worship will "hallow the past, sanctify the present and move into the future with faith."

Any United Methodist Woman is eligible to attend the assembly but seating in the Convention Center is limited to 8600. Deadline for Conference registrations is February 1 and individual reservations by March 1.

Purpose of the quadrennial gathering is to bring together members of United Methodist Women from all areas of the church and society, to confront them with areas of critical need, to challenge them to responsible action and to achieve a sense of unity in worship and mission.

Hailed as a "window on the future," the event is to move from celebration of a heritage to a new vision of what faithfulness in mission now requires.

One panel will discuss "Health for All by the Year 2000" and a second panel will consider "A World in Search of Justice."

A Nigerian Methodist theologian (currently studying at Harvard Divinity School) will lead daily Bible study. Each assembly participant will receive in advance a study book which raises some critical questions confronting Christians worldwide.

On Friday evening the Rev. Warren L. Danskin and his wife, Lynette Bennett Danskin, will present a musical drama looking into the future. The International Children's Choir of Los Angeles will sing that evening, also.

Saturday night's entertainment will be provided by a Los Angeles-based arts organization featuring music and dance celebrating the many colors of American culture. Three bishops will participate in the closing Sunday morning worship and communion service. Music will be an important part of Assembly and participants are being offered seventy-six interest groups.

Doesn't this sound exciting? Doesn't it make you want to be a part of this adventure? If so, and you have not yet registered, get in touch with your Conference President immediately and let her know. She has the necessary information to give you for your registration. Don't delay! ! ! ! Write Mrs. Janelle McCammon---161 Emerite Drive --- Lafayette, Louisiana 70506.

ASSEMBLY OFFERING 1986

Another way you can participate in the Assembly of 1986, is through the Assembly Offering. This has been the pattern for many years and will be collected again this year. The theme for the Assembly is "INTO THE FUTURE BY FAITH", and this offering will enable our organization to move into the future with faith.

The designation of the offering is for the four points of focus of the Centennial Celebration Fund:

1. Higher Education for Women in Africa.
2. A Center for Continuing Mission Education at the Church Center for the United Nations.
3. Women to Women Across Boundaries.
4. Utilizing Telecommunications for Effective Mission.

As a member of United Methodist Women you may contribute to this offering through your local unit treasurer. She will remit the unit's offering to the district treasurer and on then through regular channels. Judy Rountree, Conference Treasurer, will bring forward our Conference's Assembly Offering during the Thursday evening worship service. If you are going to attend the Assembly, an additional opportunity to make an offering will be available during the Sunday morning worship.

Giving is an expression of faith. Let us all share in the future by giving of our current resources now.

They Went Out Not Know

Over a year ago, you were given an opportunity to nominate women from whom would be chosen "One Hundred Women in Mission." The Louisiana Conference sent in nominees for this and to our great pleasure, five of our nominees were chosen for this great honor. All 100 are listed on Page 37 of the January Response magazine. The volume that will include these will be printed in time for Assembly and will be entitled, "They Went Out Not Knowing". The price will be $3.25 and it can be ordered from Service Center, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. Of those living honorees, Virginia Laskey is among these honored, and those who have 'gone on to glory' include Ella Hooper, Wilhelmina Hooper, Hester Williams, and Jennie Hartzel. We herewith submit a short biography on each and rejoice in the selection of these from among our midst.

VIRGINIA LASKEY

MISS ELLA KEENER HOOPER

Miss Ella Keener Hooper was appointed to the French Mission Field by the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1917; was commissioned a deaconess in 1919. She visited the communities of Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes working with the Sunday Schools, organizing new ones and establishing women's missionary groups. In 1922, the MacDonell French Mission School was built in Houma offering a full curriculum for elementary and high schools. Miss Hooper served as director from its founding until 1949.

In 1932, she started work in Dulac with the Indians. Her sister, Miss Wilhelmina Hooper, was the mainstay of this work. Miss Ella was associated with Dulac until 1951.

MacDonell Methodist Center was a twenty-four hour child caring center and school primarily for the French, Spanish and Indian children whose families lived along the bayous. They were provided a home and school along with love, understanding, compassion and security.

The work has changed through the years as needs have changed and today is MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services, Inc.

Miss Ella died in Rosedale, Louisiana, on June 28, 1967.

Another sister, Miss Ora Hooper, served in various places, but mostly at the Methodist school in Vashti, Georgia.

MISS WILHELMINA HOOPER

Dulac Community Center was the second Home Missions Project in Louisiana to grow out of the concern of Miss Ella Hooper for the needs of people. Indians were not allowed to attend schools for white children and attempts to enroll them in schools for Negro children or in schools of their own did not succeed. This school, at Dulac, was the first educational venture to succeed with the Indians in this area.

MISS WILHELMINA HOOPER left her home in Rosedale and journeyed into the swamps of south Louisiana in 1932 to teach the sons and daughters of an exploited and uneducated group of people. She said, "My first class consisted of about 75 pupils, all first graders, because none of them had ever been to any type of school before." The Choctaw, Houma and Cherokee Indians welcomed her to their village. Miss Hooper was small of stature, spoke softly, almost shyly, with a French accent and her skin was tanned. "Miss Hoppy" taught at Dulac until the Terrebonne Parish School Board admitted the Indian children into the public schools in 1954. Dulac then became a community center with a kindergarten, visitation, teenage and craft programs. Miss Wilhelmina retired in 1965. The Indians of the area will always be thankful for the stranger who appeared in their midst in 1932.

She died September 20, 1980.

ng: 100 Women in Mission

Virginia Davis Laskey was born in Lumber, Arkansas, and her family moved to Ansley, Louisiana, in 1902; then into Ruston in 1921. She is a graduate of Newcomb College in New Orleans. Taught school one year, then married Glenn E. Laskey and moved to Wichita Falls, Texas. She soon became a circle leader in the Missionary Auxiliary there and thus began her long love and service to women's work in the church. Returning to Ruston in 1933, she was soon elected President of the local Missionary Society. In 1939, she was elected Conference Recording Secretary and in 1946 Conference President, an office she held for eight years. In 1956 she was elected to the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church and in 1964 she was made President of the Woman's Division. . . which she described as rewarding, difficult, great responsibilities, many decisions and a multiplicity of committee meetings.

Virginia made several overseas trips for the Board of Missions. She went to Brazil and Africa; itinerated 40 conferences, attended four Jurisdiction meetings and felt the Assembly in Portland, Oregon, was a "high point". She was a member of the National Council of Churches and represented the Methodist Church on the World Council of Churches - one of only five women. She attended meetings in Crete, Geneva, and Upsala. As a delegate to the World Federation of Methodist Women, she attended meetings in Oslo, London and Denver. During her term as President, the church united with the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the women's organizations were united. The all black Central Jurisdiction was dissolved and in the state of Louisiana Conferences A and B were united.

In appreciation, many honors have been awarded to Mrs. Laskey. The Women's Division funded the Virginia Laskey Library at Scarritt College and set up a $50,000 scholarship fund for women in theology. The Louisiana Conference presented her with a sustaining membership (with $1,000.00 going to missions in her honor). MacDonell United Methodist Children's Service named a new cottage in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Laskey. Centenary College presented an honorary degree. The Methodist Children's Home in Ruston nominated Mrs. Laskey to the United Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy, to which she was inducted. The nomination said, "Virginia Davis Laskey has given freely of herself and her resources to the United Methodist Church for many years and in many ways. She has served her local church, annual conference, the national structure, represented the United Methodist Church in the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. She was an outspoken advocate of a just society and a racially inclusive church at a time when such views cost her personal popularity in her own church and community. Mrs. Laskey has spent her entire life living the Good News! She has not been content to proclaim it in words only; she has been willing to back up her claim to discipleship with all her resources. In doing so, she has not only strengthened the work of her church, and its agencies, but has proven to be an ambassador of good will to people wherever she has gone."

Surely we all rejoice with this great leader who has worked among us and rightfully proclaim her "A Woman in Mission!"

MRS. HESTER WILLIAMS

Mrs. Hester Williams, "Aunt Hester", was a former slave who had little formal schooling yet pioneered in the establishing of schools for women and girls in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In 1882, she addressed the Louisiana Annual Conference and told of her work among the freedwomen. She had a missionary hen, Dorcus, which produced $8.00 for missions, and a row of sugar cane which provided $6.00. This $14.00 was presented to the conference as a challenge to match her funds in order to start more schools. In 1886, she traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, to speak to the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society to plea for funds to open the Hester Williams Industrial Home in Baton Rouge. She was given $200.00. She was instrumental in starting five schools in her home in addition to the Hester Williams Industrial Home. These schools taught Bible, Catechism and sewing. She traveled on horseback, wagon, mule, train, foot and by boat to start schools in at least seven other communities. She served the Louisiana Woman's Home Missionary Society as a member of the Bureau of Young People's Work.

MRS. JENNIE HARTZEL

In 1876, Mrs. J. C. (Jennie) Hartzel began work among the freedwomen in New Orleans. She was the supervisor for Mrs. M. A. Ryder. In 1878, Mrs. Hartzel sent a letter to the Methodist in Chicago and the Northwest setting forth a plan to aid the freedwomen in Louisiana. As a result, monies were collected and she was able to fund four lady missionaries. In 1879, she funded seven missionaries, three schools, and five industrial schools for women and girls. She was a pioneer in home missionary work. Her program of assistance became a model of what could be done at home for the spiritual and temporal care of women and children. Mrs. Hartzel was privileged to address the organizational meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1880. Her report was helpful in getting General Conference approval for such an organization. Jennie served as the Corresponding Secretary of Louisiana for three years. On January 22, 1881, she presented this new organization to the Louisiana Annual Conference for ratification.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Great News from our Conference Treasurer!

Judy Rountree reports that our 1985 Pledge to Missions was OVERPAID! ! ! Our Conference had pledged $225,750.00 to Missions and we sent in $227,070.61. This was the culmination of a great cooperative effort all over the Conference and we all rejoice in this wonderful news. Judy also reported that she has now received enough donations to pay for the cost of purchasing and sending the dishes to Dorethea Brown in Liberia, so a big thank you to each unit and individual that responded to this call. My, how beautifully Louisiana women respond when they are faced with a need.

THEOLOGY OF MISSION CONSULTATION

The General Board of Global Ministries is conducting nine consultations around the world in the process of developing a statement on theology of missions for the General Board of Global Ministries that is faithful to the biblical witness and Wesleyan tradition and responsive to God's action in the present global context. One of these nine consultations will be held in Memphis, Tennessee, January 27-29, 1986. Our own Amy Ward of New Orleans will chair this Memphis consultation. Amy is a member of the General Board of Global Ministries and is serving her second quadrennium on this Board. She stated that she felt these consultations provided a good opportunity for dialogue. Other women from Louisiana who have been invited to attend this meeting are Inez Chrisentery, Marta Sanfiel, JoAnn White, and Norma Winegeart. Several men and other clergy are also invited.

Events to Come

January 26, 1986 United Methodist Women's Sunday Every United Methodist Church In Louisiana	February 14-15, 1986 Mid-Year Executive Committee First United Methodist Church Alexandria, Louisiana	March 14-15, 1986 Church Women United Alexandria Area
April 17-20, 1986 U.M.W. Assembly Anaheim, California	June 2-5, 1986 Annual Conference Shreveport, Louisiana	July 15-20, 1986 Schools of Christian Mission Centenary College Lottie Palazzo, Dean Taylor Phillips, Assistant Dean
July 24-29, 1986 Methodist World Council Nairobi, Kenya	September 19-20, 1986 Annual Meeting First United Methodist Church Alexandria, Louisiana Seola Callahan, Chairperson Lottie Stinson, Assistant Chairperson	October 18, 1986 District Elected Leaders' Training First United Methodist Church Pineville, Louisiana Madge Lewis, Chairperson Judy Greer, Ass't. Chairperson

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

January 26, 1986

We hope that your plans are well under-way to observe United Methodist Women's Sunday on January 26, 1986. (If this date is not convenient for your church, please have it on another date.) This observance was begun in 1983 with the approval of our beloved Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin; and the Conference Council on Ministries has now established it on the fourth Sunday in January of each year. AS SOON as you have had your celebration of this day, send your report of it in to: PAT COBB, 7117 Memphis Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70124. Include any mementoes you have used in your celebration (bulletins, pictures, name tags, etc.).

Mark your calendars now for the 1987 date — January 25!

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund, the Louisian Conference United Methodist Women offers 20 scholarships to the 1986 School of Christian Mission, July 15-18 (School I) and July 18-20 (School II). This has been made possible through gifts, special offerings, and the continual budgeting of local units. The Committee on Membership requests that the scholarships be offered early in order for all applicants to be given due consideration.

The criteria for one of the scholarships is a willingness to attend the week-day or week-end School and to participate in all its activities. Applicant can be young, single, married, employed, student, retired, from a large or small unit. Persons other than members of United Methodist Women will be considered. PLEASE send only one applicant per unit per school (I or II). Applications must be mailed to:

PAT COBB, 7117 MEMPHIS STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70124 — PHONE (504) 288-6962

Send no later than APRIL 15, 1986

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

District_____ Unit (name of church)_____ Location_____ New____ No. in Unit___

Name of Applicant_____

Address_____ Phone_____

Applicant has _____ has not_____ attended School of Christian Mission before.

Applicant prefers to attend week-day School I_____ week-end School II_____

Applicant's age grouping is:

Under 35_____ 36-50_____ 51 and above_____

Employed full time_____ Part time_____ Retired_____ Student_____ Homemaker_____

Age of Children: Pre-school_____ School_____ Not at home_____

Applicant's choice of study: TECHNOLOGY IN TENSION WITH HUMAN VALUES_____
CROSSROADS IN SOUTHERN ASIA_____
SUFFERING AND THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF FAITH (will be taught to everyone)

Name of unit president or contact person_____

Address_____ Phone_____

To be filled in by applicant on separate sheet:
I would like to attend School of Mission because:_____

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The following letter was received by Fran Hall, former Conference Chairperson, Committee on Membership. We share it with you, to show the value of the Estelle Dameron Scholarship Fund.

"Dear Fran,

Thank you for my opportunity to attend the School of Christian Mission with an Estelle Dameron Scholarship. The experience far surpassed my expectations. I hope I will be able to pass some of the information on to my local unit.

Thank you personally for the counted cross stitch plaque. It will be a constant reminder of an enjoyable weekend. I have already hung it in my kitchen.

Sincerely,
Joyce Perry"

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOLARSHIPS

It's not too early to begin planning for the School of Christian Mission in July! Last summer we were fortunate to have a record number of applicants and recipients for the Estelle Dameron Scholarships, but now the fund is low and needs to be recharged.

Please consider increasing your unit's contribution or adding this scholarship fund to your budget if it's not there now. This is a terrific way to introduce young members to the mission studies and to give them an opportunity to meet women from all over the Conference. It's a means of encouraging someone to grow personally and within the organization.

Talk to the Estelle Dameron Scholarship recipients in your unit and find out how important this experience was to them. If there are no recipients in your unit, why not include this in your budget and encourage some of your young women to apply this spring to Pat Cobb, Chairperson of the Committee on Membership? They'll be glad they did, and you'll find a whole new source of information and enthusiasm!

The School of Christian Mission faculty made a VHS tape through the courtesy of the Alternate View Network and Dr. Curtis Chambers. This half inch cassette is available through the Conference audio-visual library. It consists of twenty minute segments on each study:

Daniel . . . . Rev. Charles McClure

Caring for God's Earth
Jo Anne Wilshusen
Margaret St. Amant
Bernice James

Native Peoples of North America
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"God's Creation ⟺ Human Responsibility"

1986 School of Christian Mission

July 15 - 18 and July 18 - 20

Lottie Palazzo
Dean

Taylor Phillips
Assistant Dean

Once again it is time to prepare for School of Christian Mission. This is a high point of the year for those who participate regularly, and I sincerely hope this will include a great representation of United Methodists in Louisiana this year. It is a wonderful opportunity for United Methodist Women to learn more about their organization as well as study the areas of 1986 concerns presented by well prepared Study Leaders. Once again, Continuing Education Units will be awarded to pastors to assist them in earning the required credits for the year. Local units are encouraged to help their pastors attend, and thus have leadership at hand for their own studies.

One of the anticipated highlights of the Schools this year is the presentation of Susannah Wesley, which will be a part of the Fellowship Nights. You won't want to miss this.

Scholarships are available from the Conference, as well as several Districts, so investigate the opportunities open to you. These are to encourage active participation of all ages and stations in life, so no one is excluded.

All first-timers are urged to attend the orientation sessions at the start of each school - 5:15 on Tuesday, July 15, and on Friday, July 18. These will be held in the Learning Center in the South Cafeteria. This will help us get to know you better and also help you know how to participate in the school.

Remember that the buildings are air-conditioned, so be prepared with a sweater. Also be prepared with comfortable walking shoes, because some of the activities are wide-spread on the beautiful campus of Centenary. (Even if you were not required to walk around, you would want to see the lovely gardens and other areas of the campus.) Please plan to arrive early enough to get registered and settled before the opening meal (lunch on Tuesday at 12:00 noon and dinner on Friday at 5:45 P.M.).

If you have attended School before, I know you are ready to send in your registration now! If you have never attended, maybe this is the year to start. I look forward to seeing all of you during the Week-day or the Week-end School.

Lottie Palazzo
Dean of 1986 School

Taylor M. Phillips, our Assistant Dean for the School of Christian Mission, is from the Lake Charles District. She has served as District Vice President and as Conference Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement. She has represented our Conference at the National Seminar in Chico, California, National Impact Conference, and Jurisdiction Conference. She received her education in the public schools of Mississippi and a United Methodist College (Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi). She has taught in Mississippi and Louisiana. Mother of one daughter, her hobbies are reading and crafts. Taylor is involved in many civic organizations in her community and also teaches a Sunday School class.

As Assistant Dean her duties will be to assist the Dean in planning and implementation of the goals of the School of Mission; planning and carrying out the audio-visual work of the School; giving assistance to anyone who needs help. She hopes to make your stay at School a real meaningful, enriching, Christian experience.

MAY 15th DEADLINE SET FOR STUDY OF EXCELLENCE

Units wishing to be recognized at the 1986 School of Christian Missions must report to their District Coordinators of Christian Global Concerns by May 15th with the following information:

(1) Name of Unit, Church, City & District

(2) Local President

(3) Name of Studies: and if applying for Banner Roll, describe action that resulted from study.

Approved studies for recognition are

1983-84: Gospel of Luke; Central Africa; The World's Uprooted.

1984-85: Swords Into Plowshares; A Vision of Peace; Ephesians; Korea.

1985-86: Daniel; Native Peoples of North America; Caring for God's Earth.

Have a capable, responsible committee which makes detailed plans; a leader who is prepared and who can give capable group leadership; a minimum of six hours for the study group; preparation between sessions (reading the text, collecting pictures, AV's etc.), class member participation (panels, discussions, informal drama, etc.), action growing out of study.

If your unit has made these specific accomplishments, please contact your District Christian Global Concerns Coordinator.

Reports from the local Unit should be returned to the District Coordinator by May 15, 1986.

Johnnye Butler
Conference Coordinator
Christian Global Concerns

"FEED MY LAMBS . . . . . TEND MY SHEEP"

School of Christian Mission Offering

Concern for the poor, the powerless, and the hungry is a recurrent theme throughout the Bible. John Wesley asked, "Were you a general benefactor to mankind?" Even today with our increased abilities, knowledge, and concern, it is estimated that more than one billion people continue to suffer from hunger and poverty.

In this country and in countries abroad there are hungry people; most of them are women and children. There are children suffering from malnutrition and from ill health associated with hunger. In America, hunger is getting worse, not better.

The Offering collected at the 1986 School of Christian Mission will be used for projects related to the three studies:

Technology in Tension with Human Values
Suffering and the Christian Community of Faith
Crossroads in Southern Asia

With all of our technology, we have the ability to feed and provide clean water for all the people in the world; but we-as a global community-do not have the commitment. Wesley urged Methodists to be concerned about both the invisibility and the causes of hunger. We, as United Methodist Women, can work to feed the hungry and in so doing alleviate some of the suffering in the world.

Southern Asia is certainly another area of the world where programs designed to reduce hunger, to feed people, and to educate mothers about health and nutrition are much needed.

There are several good programs that will be appropriate recipients of our offering, such as the Cookson Hills Center in Oklahoma; the Baramati Agricultural Trust in the State of Maharastra, India; and the Southeast Michigan Food Coalition.

Our efforts are only a small portion in a world of great need. But we have to go forth in faith that these beginnings can be multiplied. God has called us to work for his Kingdom on earth. Let us all respond to God's love by giving to the School of Christian Mission offering to answer the desperate needs of others of His children.

Barbara Woods
Secretary for Financial Interpretation

1986 DESIGNATED AREAS OF STUDY

"Technology in Tension with Human Values" is the general theme developed by the Program Committee on Education for Mission. The purpose of this study is to help Christians become more faithful disciples in a technological world.

"Crossroads in Southern Asia" is the geographical theme for this year. Its purpose shall be to assist Christian persons in North America to understand the history and culture of the peoples of Southern Asia (India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh), to appreciate their unique contributions to society and to world culture, to explore the significant issues which affect the world today particularly our common struggles with injustice and poverty, and to discover ways to be partners in God's mission for today's challenges.

"Suffering and the Christian Community of Faith" is the spiritual growth theme. The purpose of this study is to provide a context for looking at suffering in ways that will be helpful to persons coping with suffering in daily life. It recognizes that 1) the question of why there is suffering in the world is impossible to answer; 2) individual and society are so interrelated, the suffering of one can never be entirely separated from the suffering of the other; and 3) such diverse forms of suffering as illness, psychological distress, and spiritual depression may have similar physical symptons. Emphasis will be placed, therefore, on how we might understand and work with, in a faithful way, whatever suffering confronts us. The concept of "courage" in light of the promises of God as discovered in scripture, will be the central focus of the book.

WEEKDAY SCHOOL

Tuesday, July 15, 1986

9:00 - 12:00 Noon	Registration: James Dorm
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
12:50 - 2:15 P.M.	Opening Plenary: Smith
2:30 - 5:00 P.M.	Class
5:15 - 5:45 P.M.	First Timers Meet at Learning Center
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Prayer Walk
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.	Suffering and the Christian Community of Faith
8:30 - 9:00 P.M.	Audio-Visuals

Wednesday, July 16, 1986

7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Worship: James Dorm
7:30 - 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 10:00 A.M.	Plenary: Smith
10:15 - 11:45 A.M.	Suffering and Christian Community of Faith
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 P.M.	Quiet/Study/LC/AV's
2:15 - 4:45 P.M.	Class
5:00 - 5:45 P.M.	Music, Interest/AV's/LC
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Prayer Walk
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.	Suffering and Christian Community of Faith
FELLOWSHIP NIGHT	James Dorm Lobby

Thursday, July 17, 1986

7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Worship: James Dorm
7:30 - 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:15 A.M.	Sampler
9:30 - 10:15 A.M.	Plenary: Smith
10:15 - 11:45 A.M.	Suffering and Christian Community of Faith
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 P.M.	Quiet/Study/LC/AV's
2:15 - 4:45 P.M.	Class
5:00 - 5:45 P.M.	Music Interest/AV's/LC
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Prayer Walk
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	Suffering and Christian Community of Faith

Friday, July 18, 1986

7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Worship: James Dorm
7:30 - 8:15 A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 A.M.	Class
9:45 - 11:00 A.M.	Suffering and Christian Community of Faith
11:15 - 12:00 Noon	Closing

WEEKEND SCHOOL

Friday, July 18, 1986

2:00 - 5:00 P.M.	Registration: James Dorm
5:15 - 5:45 P.M.	First Timers Meet at Learning Center
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:30 - 6:50 P.M.	Prayer Walk
6:50 - 8:00 P.M.	Opening Plenary: Smith
8:00 - 9:30 P.M.	Suffering and Christian Community of Faith

Saturday, July 19, 1986

7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Worship: James Dorm
7:30 - 8:15 A.M.	Breakfast
8:15 - 10:45 A.M.	Class
11:00 - 12:00 Noon	Music Interest/AV's/LC
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 1:20 P.M.	Quiet/Study Time
1:20 - 2:30 P.M.	Plenary: Smith
2:45 - 5:00 P.M.	Class
5:15 - 5:45 P.M.	Music Interest/AV's/LC
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Prayer Walk
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	Suffering and Christian Community of Faith
FELLOWSHIP NIGHT	James Dorm Lobby

Sunday, July 20, 1986

7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Worship: James Dorm
7:30 - 8:15 A.M.	Breakfast
8:15 - 9:30 A.M.	Class
9:45 - 11:15 A.M.	Suffering and Christian Community of Faith
11:15 - 12:00 Noon	Closing

Texts and Program Materials will be in the Centenary Room of the Cafeteria and will be available during meals and registration

Learning Center will be in the South Cafeteria

Music Interest Group will meet in the small chapel (off Brown Chapel)

Plenary Sessions will be held in the Kilpatrick Auditorium of Smith Building

Audio-Visuals will be shown in the Kilpatrick Auditorium

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

The Year of '86 concludes our last joyous year to celebrate our challenging four years of Centennial Celebration! During our Fellowship Nights (one on Wednesday and the other on Saturday) we will bring to a close the Centennial Era Celebration. We have a very wonderful treat in store for you on those evenings. There will be a very special presentation given by Leora Trice of the "Mother of Methodism, Susannah Wesley". Mrs. Trice has given this dramatization several times during these Bicentennial Years and we are indeed fortunate to have her do this for us. This will move us from the celebration of our heritage to a new vision of what faithfulness in mission requires today. It will feature a new creation filled with justice, peace, unity, and hope. Come ready to sing, have fellowship, and enjoy a colorful and cheerful night of Christian fun.

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Johnnye Butler

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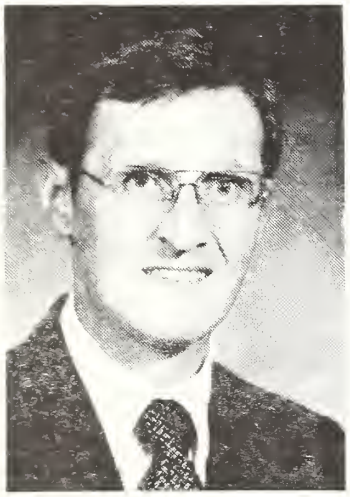


Donald C. Cottrill

Donald C. Cottrill, pastor of the Summer Grove U.M.C. in Shreveport since 1984, is a native of West Virginia. A graduate of Vanderbilt Divinity School, he has taught in public schools and served as a staff person for the General Board of Discipleship in Nashville. Don has participated in many leadership and teaching roles throughout the United Methodist Church and has recently been chosen as one of 50 pastors in the denomination to participate in a National Consultation of Pastors in Growing Churches. The Cottrill family participated in a ministerial exchange program to Liverpool, England, in 1984. He and his wife, Rebecca, are the parents of two daughters. Mr. Cottrill presently serves as Chairperson of the Louisiana Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry.

Charles Sapp

Charles Sapp is pastor of the First U.M.C. in Perry, Oklahoma. He holds degrees from Texas A.&M., Union Theological Seminary, Sewanee, and North Carolina State. He serves on the Oklahoma Conference Board of Higher Education and the Commission on Christian Unity. Dr. Sapp is a popular speaker and teacher preaching and lecturing on many college campuses throughout the south. He frequently teaches in U.M.W. Schools of Christian Mission and we welcome him back to our own school. Sapp and his wife, Ynette, have a son and daughter and his special interests include music, tennis, wood-carving, and sculpting.

Barbara Stauss

Barbara Stauss is a graduate of Millsaps College, wife of a thoracic surgeon, mother to five and grandmother to five. She is organist for the Wesley U.M.C., Sunday School teacher, Vice-Chairperson of the Mississippi Conference Board of Global Ministries, secretary of the Choctaw Indian Mission Board, secretary of the Conference New Church Development Committee, lay speaker, and Advocate U.M.W. page editor. Barbara has served as Conference President of WSCS/WSG, President, Mississippi PTA, member of General Council on Finance and Administration, Associate director Conference Council on Ministries and President of Bethlehem Center Board. She frequently serves as study leader, instructor, and workshop leader in church meetings and is active in Girl Scouts and the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth.

for: "Suffering and the

George Duerson

CHRISTIAN MISSION TEACHERS

for: "Crossroads in Southern Asia"

Lynn Foil

Lynn Foil, a native of New Orleans, is a member of Metairie U.M.C. She and her husband, Mason, have four daughters and four grandchildren. Lynn has been active in womens' work for 32 years, has taught Sunday School, served as liturgist and speaker at worship services, and is a Certified Lay Speaker. She has served as Coordinator of Christian Global Concerns for her district and has taught mission studies in several local churches. Lynn is presently serving as President of her U.M.W. and District Secretary for Financial Interpretation, chairs Church and Society and is Peace Advocate in her local unit. She is employed as a church secretary and her hobbies include writing poetry and prose, reading, sewing, and doll collecting.

Roy Katayama

Roy Katayama is executive secretary for World Division cultivation. He serves in the General Board of Global Ministries, providing local churches with information on World Division projects they support through the Advance giving. He previously served with UMCOR. He was pastor of a Japanese congregation in Denver and has served on the General Commission on Religion and Race. He was born in Long Beach, California, educated at Mc-Kendree College, Illinois, and Garrett Theological Seminary. Last summer, Roy visited in India, Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea and Japan. He is married and has two children. We are pleased to have Mr. Katayama teach in our school again.

hristian Community of Faith"

George Duerson has been pastor of St. Matthew's U.M.C. since June, 1982. Prior to that he served churches in Denham Springs, Kenner, LaPlace and Bastrop. He began his ministry in Louisiana as Director of Wesley Foundation at Northeast Louisiana State University. A native of Shreveport, George holds degrees from S.M.U., Yale Divinity School and State University of Iowa. He is currently a member of the Louisiana Conference Council on Ministries, chairperson of N.O./Houma District C.O.M., and chairperson, Board of Methodist Home in New Orleans. Teaching is one of his special interests and he has taught at several local and district mission schools as well as Lay Speakers' Schools. George is married to the former Linda Rawls of Bastrop and they have two children.

Leora Trice

Leora Trice is a native of Dallas, Texas; educated in the public schools there and graduated from S.M.U. with a degree in Journalism. Further study was completed at L.S.U. She has served U.M.W. on all levels and has taught in schools in Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, and Texas. Leora is presently employed as Director/Librarian in the Resource Center for the Council on Ministries of North Texas Conference. She shared an interest in history of Methodism with her husband, the late Dr. W. E. Trice. Interest this year in teaching Southern Asia is heightened because of a visit to India and that area as a part of the annual meeting of the Delhi Conference of the Methodist Church. Leora is the mother of two daughters and we are delighted to welcome her back to Louisiana.

IN HONOR

Each year, units are asked to contribute to a special offering in honor of those women who are completing a term as a conference officer in our organization. This is a fitting tribute to those women who have given of their time, talents, and resources in a position of leadership. Your offerings are turned into a Gift to Mission or a Special Mission Recognition, depending on the length of time served by the officer.

Units wishing to participate in this gesture of appreciation, should send their gifts to their District Treasurers with the second quarterly reports which are due June 10. These should be marked "Gifts for Retiring Officers" and they will be applied to the district and conference pledge to mission.

Make your plans now to attend Conference Annual Meeting at First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, September 19-20, at which time the retiring officers will be honored.

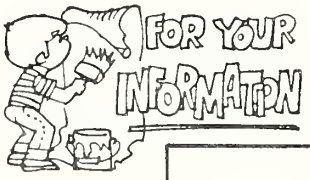
As we go to press, many of the women in our Conference are making plans to attend Assembly in Anaheim, California. Our Conference Treasurer, Judy Rountree, reports that she has to date received $2,500.00 from units throughout the Conference. This will be presented at Assembly. We thank each of you who have responded so beautifully to this request.

NATIONAL IMPACT MEETING

Taylor Phillips served as our Conference representative to the Impact meeting of Washington Interreligious Staff Conference. It was held in Washington, D.C. March 16-20 at the Rayburn Office Building.

The purpose of Impact is to aid religious lay leadership in skills and techniques of lobbying Congress on matters that effect the silent majority of American citizens. Speakers were heard concerning issues currently before Congress. Taylor was one of the delegates who received a pass to watch the debate on the Senate floor over aid to the Contras in Nicaragua. At the United Methodist Dinner, Dr. Flemming spoke of his experiences on "the hill" from the Roosevelt years to the present. There were 25 denominations present among the 350 delegates. The Committee recommends the Board of Church and Society send a representative to this, also.

June 19, 1986, has been designated by the Washington Interreligious Staff Conference as a day of prayer for the recognition of Human Rights of all peoples on earth. Participate in this as an individual or plan a prayer vigil with women of other faiths and races.



Dates to Remember!!!

LA. CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION
CENTENARY COLLEGE — SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
JULY 15-20, 1986
LOTTIE PALAZZO, DEAN
TAYLOR PHILLIPS, ASSISTANT DEAN

WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL
NAIROBI, KENYA
AFRICA
JULY 22-29, 1986

U.M.W. CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST U.M.C. — ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER 19-20, 1986
SEOLA CALLAHAN, CHAIRPERSON
LOTTIE STINSON, ASSISTANT CHAIRPERSON

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS
OCTOBER 1986

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS' TRAINING
FIRST U.M.C. — PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
OCTOBER 18, 1986
MADGE LEWIS, CHAIRPERSON
JUDY GREER, ASSISTANT CHAIRPERSON

CONFERENCE U.M.W. RETREAT
MARCH 1987

GENERAL INFORMATION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

The School of Christian Mission will be held on Centenary College Campus, Shreveport, Louisiana. The special emphasis of the school is placed on the training of leadership and membership, general understanding of the role of the organization and the interpretation of the purpose and total program of United Methodist Women. During 1986, the designated area of "Mission Study" will include "Suffering and the Christian Community of Faith," "Technology in Tension with Human Values," and "Crossroads in Southern Asia."

PREPARATION

Each participant will take two classes. All will participate in the study of "Suffering and the Christian Community of Faith." Be sure to indicate your choice of one of the other two studies on your registration form. All texts and resource books may be ordered from Service Center, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. These are the basic texts:

"Suffering and the Christian Community of Faith"
Hallelujah Anyhow! by Diedra Kriewald $1.95

"Technology in Tension with Human Values"
The Speed of Love by David P. Young 6.95
21st Century Pioneering: A Scrapbook of the Future 5.95

"Crossroads in Southern Asia"
Spirit and Struggle in Southern Asia
by Martha Man and Barbara Chase 5.95
Trust the Spirit, Share the Struggle: A Study Action Guide
by William Dude 4.50

Maps and Facts, Southern Asia. 4.50

HOUSING

Reservations for housing will be available on an individual basis, dormitory style. Bring bed linens, pillows, BLANKETS, towels. Come prepared for rain. Dormitories are air-conditioned; so you may need a sweater. Please bring good walking shoes. Register early! This is most important if you have special needs because of health problems. Check with the person you list as a preferred roommate before sending in your registration form.

COST

Everyone living on the campus must purchase a meal ticket. Weekday School includes Tuesday's lunch through Friday's breakfast. Weekend School includes Friday evening dinner through Sunday's breakfast.

WEEKDAY SCHOOL		WEEKEND SCHOOL	
Meals	$28.50 (9 meals)	Meals	$15.75 (5 meals)
Housing	30.00 (3 nights)	Housing	20.00 (2 nights)
Total	$58.50	Total	$35.75

YOUR ADDRESS ON CAMPUS (during schools)

James Dormitory, P. O. Box 4188
Centenary College
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104
Phone (318) 869-5313

MEDITATION ROOM

This room will be located in James Dormitory. Please take time to stop for a few minutes in its quiet atmosphere. We hope you will daily ask God to direct and guide us during the week of mission instruction. You are welcome to use any of the materials, but do not remove any books unless you check with Ella Mae Custer, who will be in charge of this area.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

The program resource room will have an abundant supply of selected study materials for sale. There will be additional resources for promotion of United Methodist Women's program. Lueburda Myers is in charge of this room.

LEARNING CENTER

The learning center offers many lovely displays and numerous study resources. This has become an important asset of our school. Gladys Prillerman is responsible for this area.

AUDIO VISUALS

The audio visuals serve as an important factor of the school. You will have the opportunity to see many new AV's under the direction of Dorothy Abraham and Taylor Phillips.

Send this entire form (Registration and Housing) with check payable to "Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women" for REGISTRATION FEE ONLY to:

Registrar: Mrs. Helen Bailey Johnson
1001 Grefer Avenue
Harvey, Louisiana 70058

Registration Fees:
Attending one School. $10.00
Attending both Schools $12.00

REGISTRATION FORM

Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

Check School attending:
School I (Weekday) July 15-18, 1986 ( )
School II (Weekend) July 18-20, 1986 ( )

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Church _____ District _____

Studies: Everyone participates in
"Suffering and the Christian Community of Faith"

Choose one of the following:
"Technology in Tension with Human Values" ( )
"Crossroads in Southern Asia" ( )

Address if not staying on campus _____

_____ Phone _____

Check here if attending for first time ( )

HOUSING

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Roommate preferred _____
(Please submit together if possible)

First Floor necessary _____
(limited number available)

Arriving: Date _____ Time _____

School I _____ School II _____

UMW SUNDAY STILL ANSWERING THE CALL— — —TO GROW!

The number of reports received this year is an increase of almost 11% over last year. However, this represents less than half of the total units in the Louisiana Conference. Many units have celebrated UMW Sunday but have not yet reported this. IT IS NOT TOO LATE! ! ! Even if you don't have a form, you'll want to be counted in the total number, so send your information.

Thanks to all who sent bulletins, name tags, pictures and copies of special materials. Look for your unit's contribution in the Membership Scrapbook that will be on display at School of Christian Mission and Annual Meeting.

Remember, if you have not yet reported your 'day' please send the information right away to:

Mrs. Pat Cobb
Conference Chairperson
Committee on Membership
7117 Memphis Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

Betty Ferrington, Assistant Chairperson of the 1985 Annual Meeting Program Committee has asked that we let you know she has placed in the Louisiana Conference Audio/Visual Library, the video copy of the 1985 Annual Meeting at Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette. You may secure this for viewing by writing to the A/V Library in the Headquarters Building, 527 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. We hope that many will use this important resource.

A special request has come from the Committee on Nominations. They ask if there are women serving on District levels who might consider serving in a Conference capacity, to please send the names and addresses, along with resume about the person to:

Mrs. Emily Wiley
Chairperson
Committee on Nominations
132 Catherine Street
Lafayette, Louisiana 70503

1986 COMMITTEE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

DEAN . . . . . Lottie Palazzo
ASSISTANT DEAN . . . . . Taylor Phillips
REGISTRAR . . . . . Helen Johnson
HOUSING . . . . . Virginia Aswell
SECRETARY . . . . . Sally Turner
TREASURER . . . . . Judy Rountree
PROGRAM MATERIALS . . . . . Lueburda Meyers
LEARNING CENTER . . . Gladys Prillerman
MUSIC COORDINATOR . Betty Ferrington
PIANIST . . . . . Alice Story
WORSHIP AREAS . . . . . Ella Mae Custer
FELLOWSHIP NIGHT . . . . Johnnye Butler
AUDIO/VISUALS . . . . Dorothy Abraham
EVALUATIONS . . . . . Norma Winegeart
LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS . . . . . Patty Lindsey and Ola McNaughton
PUBLICITY . . . . . Nancy Carruth, Lou Alexander
PRESIDENT . . . . . Janelle McCammon

CATCH A VISION OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will be held at First United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Louisiana, September 19 and 20, 1986.

The theme for the meeting is "Catch A Vision of United Methodist Women." The program is designed to give a larger vision of the total concept and total outreach of United Methodist Women.

Chairperson for Annual Meeting Program is Seola Callahan of Oakdale, and serving with her is Lottie Stinson of Alexandria. You will want to mark these important dates on your calendar.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Mrs. Nancy M. Carruth
P. O. Box 267
Bunkie, Louisiana 71322

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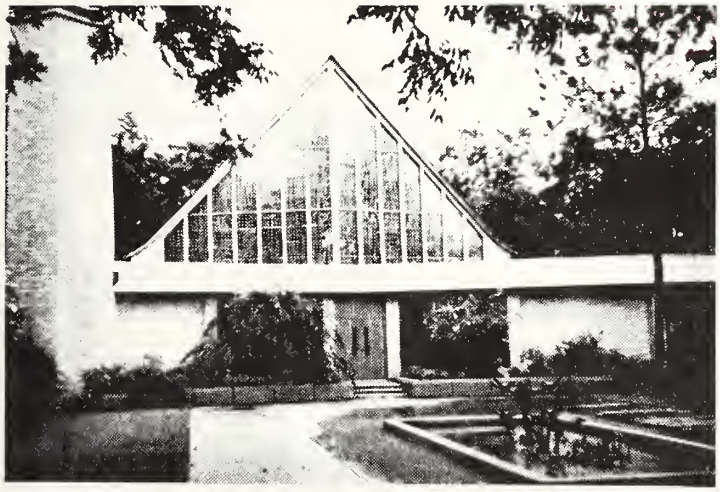
"Catch A Vision of United Methodist Women"

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
September 19-20, 1986



First United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Louisiana

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Friday, September 19, 1986, at 12:50 P.M. Mrs. Janelle McCammon, Conference President, will preside over the meeting. Dr. Tracy Arnold is the host pastor.

The theme for the 1986 meeting is "Catch a Vision of United Methodist Women". Mrs. Seola Callahan is Chairperson of the Annual Meeting Program this year. Mrs. Lottie Stinson is Vice-Chairperson.

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Janelle McCammon

Come, let us, together, "Catch a Vision of United Methodist Women" as we enter our second century of mission endeavor! The program committee of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting has made wonderful plans to enlarge our visions and strengthen our commitment to the task that is uniquely ours.

Every United Methodist Woman of the Louisiana Conference is invited to attend the Annual Meeting to be held at First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, on September 19 and 20, 1986.

The voting membership (delegates) will be composed of the following persons: members of the conference executive committee, district officers, presidents and chairpersons of the former Conferences A and B, and their predecessor organizations. Local units shall be represented on the basis of one delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof, providing that every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership shall be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the Conference President 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. (Standing Rules of the Organization.)

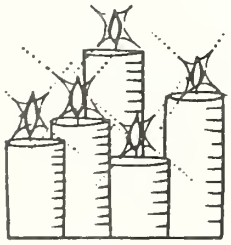
Each registered guest is covered by insurance from the time of departure for the event until arrival at home, which is the reason that everyone attending must pay the registration fee. The insurance fee, cost of packets, and other general expenses are partially covered by this fee.

The local committee is making splendid plans for our comfort and convenience. They will be assisted by the women of the Alexandria District in serving sandwich lunches on Friday and Saturday, and a continental breakfast on Saturday morning. We deeply appreciate their gracious hospitality.

The Friday evening banquet will honor the Louisiana women chosen by the Women's Division as the outstanding 100 Women in Mission during the past 100 years. Our beloved Virginia Laskey (Mrs. Glenn E.) will be with us, and we will remember Miss Ella Hooper, Miss Wilhelmina Hooper, Mrs. Jennie Hartzel, and Mrs. Hester Williams. You will want to be present for this special event!

Annual Meeting promises to be a time of inspiration, information, and challenge. I look forward with much anticipation to seeing each of you in Alexandria.

Janelle McCammon
Conference President



ANNUAL MEETING MISSION CANDLE

The Mission Candle Ceremony will take place again at Conference Annual Meeting, First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana. The Mission Candle is a reminder to us that we have a history and a future in mission as well as a present concern for mission work.

Let us all join to honor those who have "gone on to glory", those who are currently serving, and those who will be in mission in the future by making a gift to the 1986 Mission Candle. Please send your gifts by September 5 to:

Shirley Hoffpauir
Rt. 16, Box 1549
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70605

Please send a list of names of people you wish to honor and indicate the appropriate section of the book - past, present, or future for each name.

Last year, $10,128.04 was contributed to the candle and helped us exceed our pledge to mission. Let us continue to be a light to the world through our second mile gifts to mission.

The following nominees are submitted for your consideration for Conference Officers for the new year. Election will take place on Friday afternoon at Annual Meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT
Betty Ferrington
P. O. Box 21
Walker, Louisiana 70785

TREASURER
Judith Rountree
P. O. Box 635
Jonesville, Louisiana 71343

SECRETARY FOR FINANCIAL INTERPRETATION
Lynn Foil
1708 Kent Street
Metairie, Louisiana 70001

MISSION COORDINATORS FOR CHRISTIAN PERSONHOOD
Ella Mae Custer
2913 Dick Taylor Street
Monroe, Louisiana 71202

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT
Georgie Dunbar
207 Payne Street
Pineville, Louisiana 71360

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY
Taylor Phillips
P. O. Box 931
Lake Arthur, Louisiana 70459

SECRETARY OF PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
Joan Songy
517 East Loyola Drive
Kenner, Louisiana 70065

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
Idelle Sims
Rt. 1, Box 174
Shongaloo, Louisiana 71072

NEW MEMBERS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE
(Elected for a three year term)

Gladys Revels
912 Fifth Street
Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457

Dorothy Dunbar
743 McCarthy Lane
Opelousas, Louisiana 70570

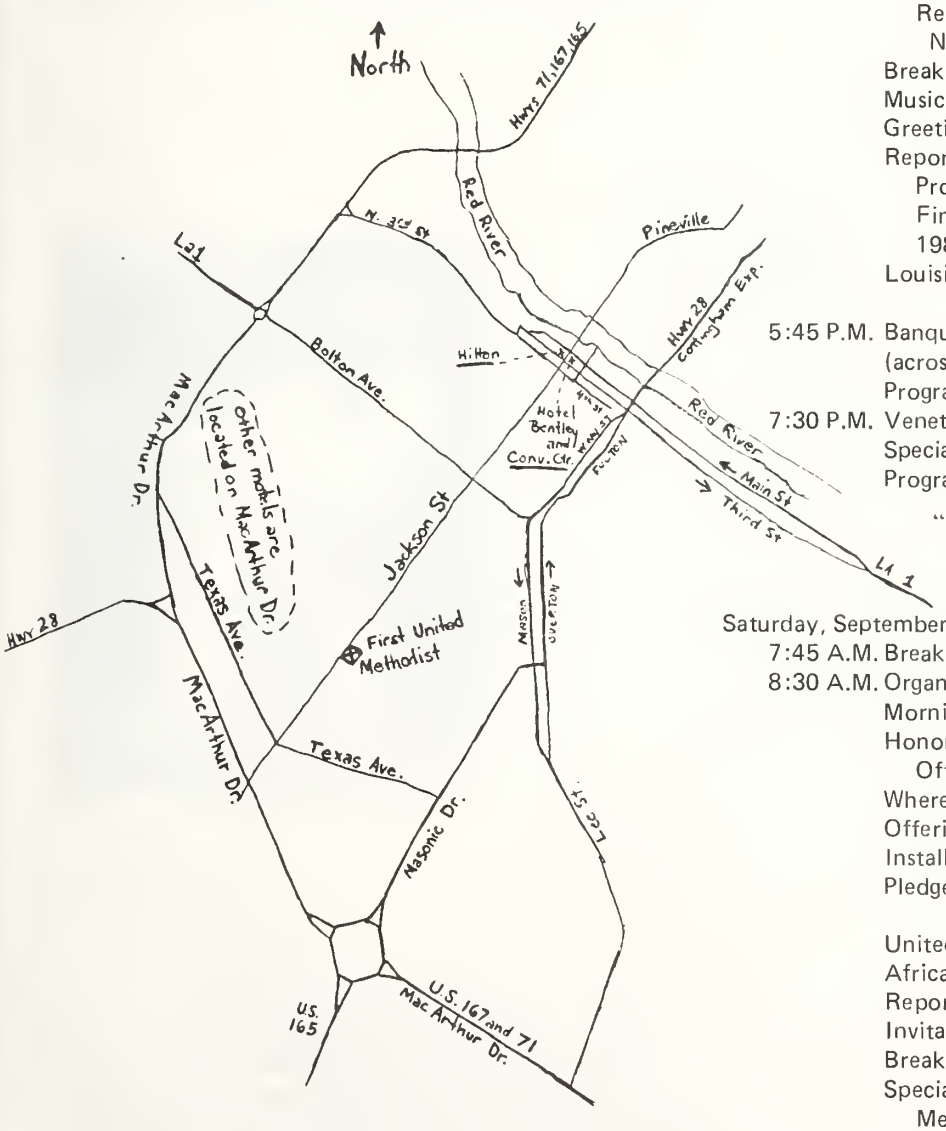
Hilda D. Sills
4745 Overton Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122

HOUSING INFORMATION

Hotel Bentley
P. O. Box 8276, Alexandria, Louisiana 71306
Reservations: 1-800-624-2778
Indicate you are with the United Methodist Women.
Early check-in available Friday
Late check-out on Saturday until 2:00 P.M.
Valet Parking
Rate: $48.00 per room plus tax (up to four in a room)
(200 DeSoto Street, off Jackson Street in downtown Alexandria) See map below.

Hospitality Room - Hotel Bentley, 9-11 A.M. hosted by the UMW of First United Methodist Church, Alexandria

Hilton Hotel
701 4th Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71301
Reservations: 1-800-523-9724
Rate: $50.00 - Single and Double
$55.00 - Triple and Quad
Indicate you are with the United Methodist Women. The Hilton Hotel is located across Jackson from Hotel Bentley.



Program

"CATCH A VISION OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN"

Friday, September 19, 1986

12:50 P.M.	Organ Prelude	Sue Arnold
	Convening of Annual Meeting	Janelle McCammon
	Welcome	Dot Lee
		Winderlean Lewis
		Rev. Tracy Arnold
	Opening Worship	Rev. Kathryn Dauphin
	Lighting Mission Candle	Dorothy Mae Taylor
	Presentation of Program	Seola Callahan
	President's Report	Janelle McCammon
	Business:	
	Appointment of Committees	
	Recommendations from Executive Committee	Sally Turner
	Report of Treasurer	
	Presentation and Adoption of Budget	Judy Rountree
	Report of Committee on Nominations	Emily Wiley
	Break	
	Music	Annette Fortuna
	Greetings from Jurisdiction	
	Reports:	
	Program Resources	Lueburda Myers
	Financial Interpretation	Barbara Woods
	1986 Assembly	Taylor Phillips
	Louisiana Mission Projects	
5:45 P.M.	Banquet at the Alexandria Convention Hall (across the street from Hotel Bentley)	
	Program honoring the "One Hundred Women in Mission"	
7:30 P.M.	Venetian Room - Hotel Bentley	
	Special Music	Connie Chenevert
	Program	Amy Ward, Speaker

"CATCH A VISION OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IN MISSION" — A Living Litany

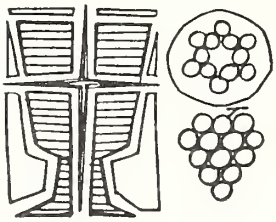
Saturday, September 20

7:45 A.M.	Breakfast at First United Methodist Church	
8:30 A.M.	Organ Prelude	Marie Durham
	Morning Worship	
	Honoring Retiring Conference Officers	Nell Read
	Where the Offering Goes	Barbara Woods
	Offering	Judy Rountree
	Installation of New Officers	Estelle Dameron
	Pledge Service	Barbara Woods
		Judy Rountree
	United Nations Interpreter	Audrey Milo
	Africa	Nancy Carruth
	Report of Registration	
	Invitation to 1987 Annual Meeting	
	Break	
	Special Music by the Bell Choir of the First United Methodist Church of Alexandria	
	Service of Holy Communion	Rev. Kathryn Dauphin
	Adjournment	

Program

Amy Ward

Our speaker at this Annual Meeting will be "one of our own." Amy Ward is well known throughout our Conference, having served as Conference President for four years. She is married to Truman L. Ward, an active layman in St. Luke's United Methodist Church. They are the parents of three children and have two grandchildren, and they are co-lay leaders at St. Luke's. Amy serves as a Director on the General Board of Global Ministries and chairs that board's Appropriations Committee of World Division. She is Chairperson of her local Administrative Board and also chairs her District Board of Global Ministries. Amy serves on Board of Directors for Lafon Home, St. Mark's Community Center, and Dulac Community Center. On the Conference level, she is a member of the Conference Board of Global Ministries, Council on Ministry, Research/Planning Committee, and U.M.W. Executive Committee. Amy was a Delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 1980 and 1984. In addition to all of this, Amy finds time to participate in many volunteer activities in school and community. We are indeed fortunate to have Amy as our speaker on Friday night.

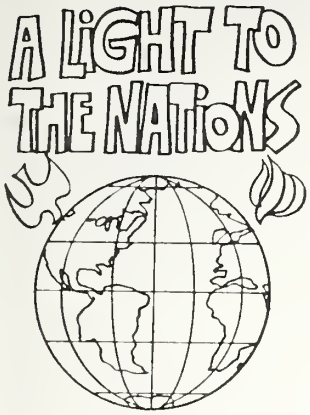


Leading our worship services this year will be The Reverend Kathy Dauphin. She will also lead the service of Holy Communion at the close of the Annual Meeting on Saturday. Kathy is the pastor of the Lacombe United Methodist Church, wife of The Reverend Ronald K. Dauphin of the Pearl River United Methodist Church and the mother of a young son. She received her BA from Centenary College, where she served as Admissions Counselor for Church Careers. Kathy graduated from Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia. She served our Conference as Communion Celebrant at the 1985 United Methodist Women Retreat at Methodist Seashore Assembly Grounds in Biloxi, Mississippi, and we look forward with great anticipation to her leadership at this Annual Meeting.

Kathryn Dauphin

Our music leader will be Annette Fortuna, who is the wife of a United Methodist minister and the mother of two daughters, ages 8 and 10. She enjoys the fulltime opportunity of caring for her family. Annette sings in the choir, teaches a Sunday School class and leads an exercise class at Vidalia United Methodist Church, where her husband is pastor. She is Membership Chairperson for her local U.M.W. unit and Circle Leader of a newly organized circle. Her hobbies include sewing, needlework, painting wood craft items, singing and playing guitar. Under Annette's enthusiastic direction, the Annual Meeting music will help the participants "Catch a Vision of United Methodist Women."

Personnel



Speaking to us on Saturday morning, will be Audrey Milo and Nancy M. Carruth. Audrey has been named the United Nations Interpreter for the Nashville Region (of which we are a part). It is in this capacity that she will address the group. Audrey is the wife of The Reverend Howard Milo of Lafayette and the mother of two children. She is a native of Georgia and received degrees from Fort Valley State College and Louisiana State University. Audrey is a former Conference Officer in the United Methodist Women and active also in Church Women United. She has done work with the YWCA and is active in all phases of the church and in community affairs.

Audrey Milo

Nancy Carruth will be reporting to us on The Fifteenth World Methodist Conference to which she was a delegate. This was held in Nairobi, Kenya. This group meets every five years and at this recent one, Nancy was elected as one of The United Methodist Members to the Council's Executive Committee. She will serve on this for the Quinquennium. Nancy is a member of the David Haas Memorial United Methodist Church in Bunkie and is presently the President of the Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Following the World Methodist Conference, she met with the Bishops of Africa and a task group from this country to discuss the need and possibility of institutions of higher education in Africa. Nancy also serves on the Conference C.F.A., Board of Trustees, Episcopal Committee, and U.M.W. Executive Committee. She is on the Board of Trustees for Centenary College and on the hospital board in her home town. She is the wife of The Reverend Edward Carruth, mother of two and grandmother to three. She was a delegate to the 1980 and 1984 General and Jurisdictional Conferences and led the delegation in 1984.

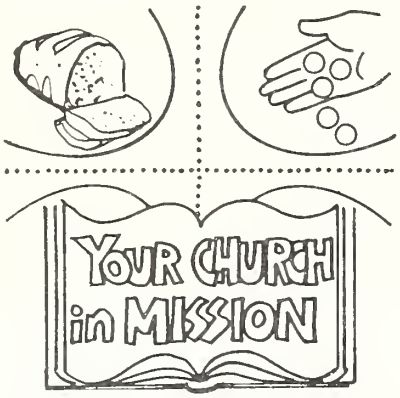
Nancy Carruth

Mary Margaret Barr with Virginia Laskey
Mrs. Laskey was honored at Assembly in Anaheim, California

YOU ASKED FOR IT! ! !

A number of requests to include a banquet in the Annual Meeting Program have been received. Many women look forward to this as a time of fellowship. So we are having a very special event.

Friday evening, beginning at 5:45 P.M., a seated banquet will be held at the Alexandria Convention Hall (located directly across the street from the Bentley and Hilton Hotels). The banquet program will honor the five women from Louisiana chosen to be included in those named "ONE HUNDRED WOMEN IN MISSION"' Mrs. Virginia Laskey is the only living honoree. Her love and service in the women's work in the church encouraged many to "Catch a Vision of United Methodist Women." You will want to take advantage of this opportunity to pay tribute to her. Make your reservation when you send in your registration. The cost of the banquet ticket is $12.00



ANNUAL MEETING OFFERING

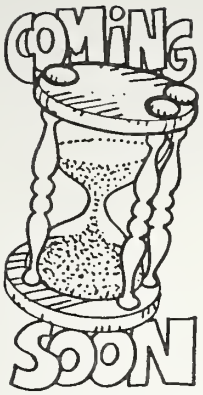
The offering collected at our 1986 Annual Meeting will be sent to mission work in honor of Virginia Laskey. Mrs. Laskey is one of five Louisiana women who was included in the new publication, "They Went Out Not Knowing." This book presents biographical sketches of one hundred women who were risk-takers and pioneers. It honors women who have served during the span of years from 1869 to 1985. The other four Louisiana women - Ella Hooper, Wilhelmina Hooper, Hester Williams, and Jennie Hartzel are no longer living. Virginia Laskey continues to play a vital role among women in mission, and as a tribute to her courage and concern for people, we dedicate the 1986 Annual Meeting Offering in her honor.

Barbara Woods
Secretary for Financial
Interpretation

LOCAL COMMITTEE

Co-chairpersons of the Local Committee on Arrangements are Mrs. Betty Adams and Mrs. Marian Wingard. Mrs. Dot Lee is President of United Methodist Women of First United Methodist, Alexandria, and Mrs. Winderlean Lewis of Natchitoches is Alexandria District President. Treasurer and Registrar for the Annual Meeting is Mrs. Jane Fant. The Reverend George Duerson is the District Superintendent for the host district.

The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, will host a Hospitality Room at the Hotel Bentley on Friday morning, September 19, from 9:00 until 11:00 A.M. Thanks to these ladies for providing this special service for those women who will be registering early.



DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

October 4 Baton Rouge-Lafayette Dist.
First U.M.C., Baton Rouge

October 4 Lake Charles District
First U.M.C., Eunice

October 4 Monroe District
First U.M.C., Mer Rouge

October 4 New Orleans-Slidell District
First U.M.C., Pontchatoula

October 5 Baton Rouge-Hammond Dist.
First U.M.C., Hammond

October 5 Ruston District
Harmony Chapel U.M.C., Hico

October 11 New Orleans-Houma District
Rayne U.M.C., New Orleans

October 12 Alexandria District
Wilton U.M.C., Alexandria

October 12 Shreveport District
North Highlands U.M.C.
Shreveport

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING
October 18 First U.M.C., Pineville
Madge Lewis, Chairperson
Judy Greer, Assistant Chairperson

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
January 25, 1987
To be observed in churches ALL over Louisiana

MID YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 1987

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
—RETREAT—
March 27-29, 1987
Methodist Seashore Assembly
Biloxi, Mississippi
Margaret Burris, Chairperson
Vera Packer, Assistant Chairperson

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION
July 20-24, 1987 — July 24-26, 1987
Centenary College Shreveport, Louisiana
Evelyn Evans, Dean
Taylor Phillips, Assistant Dean

REGISTRATION FORM

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

September 19-20, 1986
First United Methodist Church
2727 Jackson Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71301
(318) 443-5696

Send completed Registration Form and check to:

Jane B. Fant
P. O. Box 12245
Alexandria, Louisiana 71315-2245
Phone: (318) 445-8979

Name_____

Address_____

_____ Phone_____

Check all that apply:

_____Conference Office - Specify_____

_____Conference Executive Committee

_____District Officer - Specify_____

_____Local Unit Representative

_____Voting _____Non-voting

_____Former Conference President or Conference Guild Secretary

_____Guest

Church_____

Number in Local Unit_____City/Town_____

District_____

OFFICE HELD_____

Address during meeting_____

The registration fee for the meeting is $5.00, which includes cost of insurance (from time of departure for the meeting until return home), registration packet, and a small part of the meeting expenses.

BANQUET — FRIDAY — September 19, 5:45 P.M.
CONVENTION CENTER (across street from Hotel Bentley)
Banquet tickets are $12.00

_____I will attend the Banquet
Enclose $17.00 ($12.00 for Banquet and $5.00 for registration)

_____I will not attend Banquet
Enclose $5.00 (for registration only)

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

NURSERY CARE REQUESTED
(Facilities available Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

Number of children you are bringing_____Ages_____

REGISTRATION BEGINS FRIDAY, 9:00 A.M.
IN THE ADULT CENTER OF THE CHURCH

It seems like a long time away, but time has a way of slipping up on us, so you will want to place this IMPORTANT date on your calendar. Our FIFTH BI—ANNUAL CONFERENCE WOMEN'S RETREAT has now been scheduled. It is to be March 27, 28, 29, 1987, at Methodist Seashore Assembly in Biloxi, Mississippi. The task group for this event is being chaired by Mary Margaret Burris and Vera Packer is Assistant Chairperson. The leader will be The Reverend Rosemary Brown of Tennessee. Once again, we will have "At Home Retreatants" for those who are unable to attend but desire to participate. There will be a great deal more information in your next Conference Newsletter (in January); but remember that because of limited space, we are only able to accomodate 150 women, so be one of the first to send in your registration when you receive the paper in January. If you have attended other retreats, you surely will not want to miss this one and if you have not yet made one, we urge you to come. You will be glad you did.

SCHOOLS OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

According to the dean, Lottie Palazzo, "blessed are the pinch hitters." Some changes were necessary in the list of Study Group Leaders and we are most grateful to Betty Hodges of Marietta, Georgia, and Dora Hoffman of Wheeling, West Virginia, for leading classes on "Technology with Human Values." Dr. Charles Sapp of Perry, Oklahoma, also led one section. The classes on "Crossroads in Southern Asia" were led by Roy Katayama of the department of Mission Education and Cultivation of the General Board of Global Ministries, Leora Trice of Dallas and Lynn Foil of New Orleans.

Everyone attended the sessions on "Suffering and the Christian Community of Faith" which were led by Rev. George Duerson, superintendent of the Alexandria District.

For the two schools there was a total attendance of 259, with 52 being "first timers." Twenty-four were recipients of the Estelle Dameron Scholarships. Others received local and district scholarships.

The $1,000 offering will be used for projects related to the three studies to relieve suffering and hunger. Even today, with our increased abilities, knowledge and awareness, it is estimated that more than one billion people continue to suffer from hunger and poverty.

The schools were held July 15-18 and 18-20, 1986, at Centenary College in Shreveport. Assistant dean was Taylor Phillips.

It was announced that Evelyn Evans will serve as dean for the 1987 schools with Taylor Phillips as assistant.

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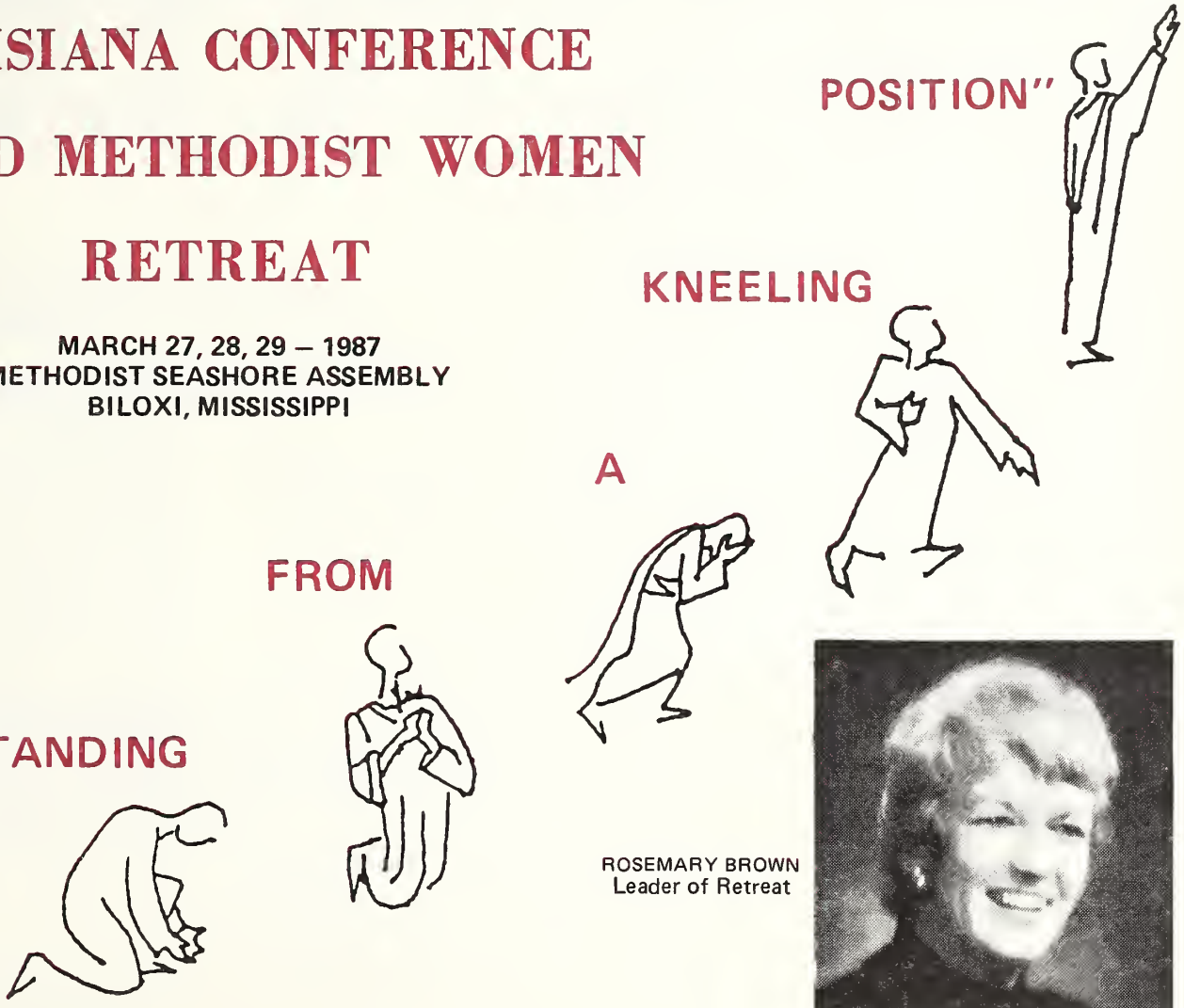
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RETREAT

MARCH 27, 28, 29 – 1987
METHODIST SEASHORE ASSEMBLY
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

"STANDING FROM A KNEELING POSITION"



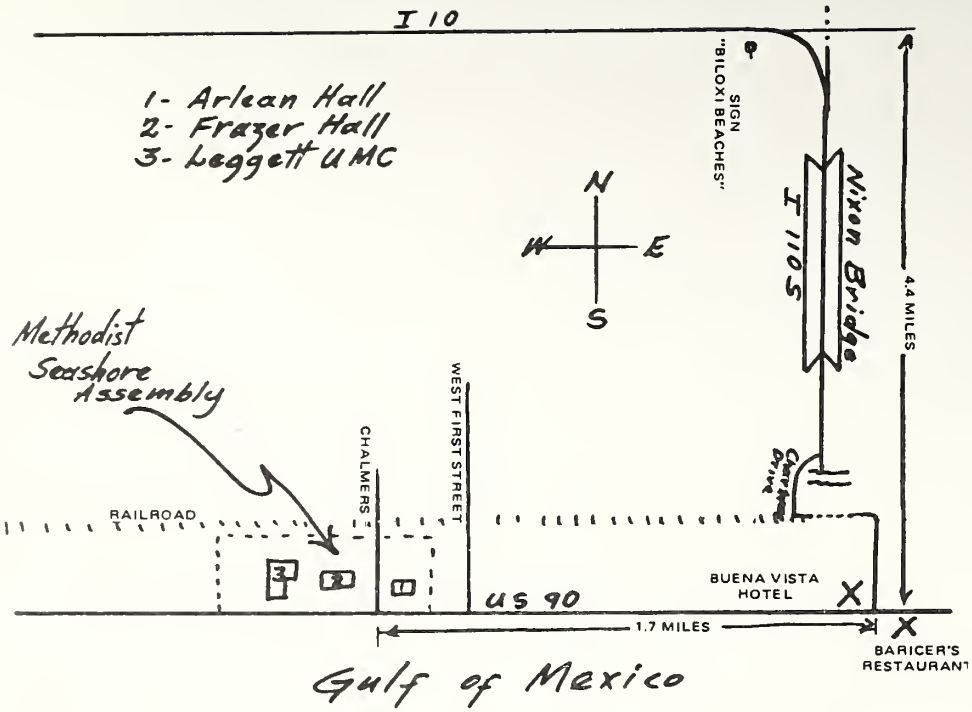
ROSEMARY BROWN
Leader of Retreat

The 1987 Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women's Retreat will be held this spring at the Methodist Seashore Assembly Grounds in Biloxi, Mississippi. The dates are March 27, 28 and 29. This will be the fifth bi-annual retreat, having been started in 1979. From the beginning, these have been most well accepted meetings and each one has had a capacity crowd in attendance. Because of the available space, registrants have to be limited to 150, so you are urged to send in your registration right away so as to not be disappointed.

Our theme for this retreat is "Standing From a Kneeling Position". Such a theme should stir your imagination. Leading us during the week-end will be The Reverend Rosemary Brown of Nashville, Tennessee. She is well known as an innovative, inspirational leader of retreats. In addition to the "Time Spent With Rosemary", there will be periods for personal devotions and meditation. The At Home Retreatants will be provided with materials so that all may share in this worshipful experience.

Our own Betsy Wilhite, Betty Rowell, and Annette Fortuna will provide us with music and song during the worship and fellowship time.

The Chairperson of the 1987 Retreat is Margaret Burris of Franklinton and the Assistant Chairperson is Vera Packer of Slidell.



TRAVEL INFORMATION

We suggest that you take the most direct route from your location to the junction of Interstate Highways 10, 12 and 59, just northeast of Slidell. At that junction, take I-10 east toward Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Stay on I-10 East past Gulfport. Take the I-110 South Exit to the right. This exit is marked Biloxi Beaches, Keesler Air Force Base. Continue south 4.4 miles until you reach the Coast Road - Highway 90. At that junction turn right and proceed west for 1.7 miles. On the right at Chalmers Street is Methodist Seashore Assembly.

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE METHODIST ASSEMBLY GROUNDS are made available to us by the Mississippi Conferences of the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women and Leggett Memorial United Methodist Church.

Linens are provided in the motel-type rooms. You may wish to bring your own pillow and something to sit upon out of doors. Comfortable clothes and walking shoes are a must. A flashlight would be helpful going to and fro in the evening.

ALL RETREATANTS are expected to stay on the Assembly Grounds and participate in the entire retreat. Please plan to eat all meals in the cafeteria and do not plan any other activities during the scheduled time.

You will want to bring your Bible, notebook and a copy of Sisters and Brothers Sing, if you have one.

UPON ARRIVAL check in at the lounge in Arlean Hall, the red brick building on the right. You will be expected between 3:00 and 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 27th, and will receive your material, schedules, and room assignment at that time.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
Arlean Hall - phone number is (601) 432-1761

WANTED. . . *WANTED. . .* *WANTED. . .*

We know there are many willing voices in UMW and Choir Members are needed! If you plan to attend the retreat and would enjoy sharing in the music, won't you please help Betsy by writing to her immediately and volunteering your service.

Mrs. Betsy Wilhite
Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church
3900 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70115

PERSONAL RETREAT INFORMATION

Whether you will be physically present at the Assembly Grounds or participating at home, you will want to prepare yourself for the week-end experience. If at all possible, some of the participants at home might arrange to meet and share worshipfully with the women in Biloxi. Special emphasis is given to the scripture found in Matthew 15:21-28.

At Home Retreatants will receive the same program schedule and literature as those in Biloxi so that all may be together in the Spirit, doing the same things at the same time.

RETREAT TASK GROUP

Margaret Burris, Chairperson
Vera Packer, Assistant Chairperson

Jannelle McCammon	Lou Alexander
Judy Rountree	Sara Fugler
Betsy Wilhite	Shirley Madden
Fran Hall	Carol Kinabrew
Erelene Bradford	Ella Mae Custer
Marilyn Ray	Taylor Phillips
Betty Rowell	Kathleen Thom
Annette Fortuna	Marion Eggerton

Our leader for the Conference Retreat is the Reverend Rosemary Brown. She is a native of Elizabethton, Tennessee, and a graduate of Wesleyan College, Scarritt College, and Vanderbilt Divinity School. She is now serving as pastor of Gladeville Old Union United Methodist Church in Gladeville, Tennessee. Rev. Brown has served as Director of Community Centers and as Director of Christian Education. She was a Board Member of the Board of Global Ministries from 1980-84 and has written many youth and adult articles. She has taught in several Schools of Christian Mission and is in great demand for revivals and seminars. Rev. Brown is currently serving as a Director of the General Board of Global Ministries, Treasurer of the Appalachia Service Project, Member of the Conference Council on Ministries and Board Member of McKendree Village and Bethlehem Center.

We are pleased to welcome her to our group and look forward to her leadership in our Retreat.

As we go to press, we have received a report from our Conference Treasurer, Judy Rountree. She reports that our Conference has sent $250,230.00 to missions, overpaying our pledge by $13,180.00! Seven districts over-paid on their pledges and the remaining two paid 95% of theirs. We thank each and every individual and unit who made this possible.

In Memoriam

NELL HESTER READ

On Thursday, November 13, 1986, our Conference lost a beloved leader with the death of Nell Read of Farmerville. Nell had served as Conference President of the United Methodist Women for four years and during that time her method of "shared leadership" recognized the skills, knowledge and creativity of many and our work went forward as a "mission team". Her life and her witness reflected her priorities: to put God first in her life and to nurture and care for her family. Nell's life was an inspiration to everyone and her beautiful spirit was a reflection of her faith and joy in service.

Nell was a lifelong resident of Union Parish. In addition to her U.M.W. work, she had been appointed by the governor to serve on the Louisiana Commission on Children and Youth. She served on several Boards and Committees of the United Methodist Church and was a volunteer for many community organizations.

The Executive Committee of the Conference has established a "Nell Read Mission Fund" to which units and individuals may contribute. All contributions will be sent through the conference Treasurer as undesignated gifts. We remember Nell's love and concern for all our mission projects and this will give expression to that in a lasting way.

We share with Nell's family in their great loss, but rejoice in the blessings that she brought to each of us.

COURAGEOUS FRIEND

If all the Music died
And music makers ceased
I think you'd stand and sing
A hymn of Hope and Peace.

If nights of doubt and fear
Against the light were hurled,
I think you'd light a candle
And stand against the world.

If winds of changing times
Uprooted trees and sod,
I think instead of mocking
You'd stand in praise of God.

The beauty of your life
Is like a work of art
Inscribed by memory's hand
Upon my grateful heart.

1987 – 1988 GOALS
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

1. SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Establish a supportive prayer network in each local unit. Each local woman is encouraged to pray for peace at 12 noon on the first day of each month.

2. RESOURCES: Emphasize program planning and evaluation using UMW program resources.

3. STUDIES: Increase participation of each unit in the total program of mission study.

4. READING PROGRAM: Recognize individual participation in Reading Program at District Annual Meetings.

5. SOCIAL ISSUES: Create an awareness and response to social issues that affect people on local, state and national levels.

6. COMMUNICATION: Revitalize the connectional system of UMW through communication among conference, district and local counterparts.

7. MEMBERSHIP: Organize one new unit and reactivate one unit in each district every year with the help of conference and district officers.

The Committee on Program adopted these goals at their November 14th meeting. They are goals which will help us to fulfill the purpose of United Methodist Women. Will you read and pray about these and then help us to implement them in new and innovative ways? You will be hearing from your conference and district officers as we begin to put into action what is at this time our hopes and dreams. May the spirit of Jesus Christ guide each of us as we continue the work of our great organization.

Betty Ferrington
Conference Vice President

REGISTRATION AND HOUSING FORM
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
1987 RETREAT
MARCH 27, 28 and 29
Methodist Seashore Assembly, Biloxi, Mississippi

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone No. ( ) _____

Church _____

City _____

District _____

_____ First Floor Accomodations needed

_____ Retreat Fee - Check enclosed for $55.00 made payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

Names of roommates requested (Check with them first!)

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RETREAT REGISTRATION AND HOUSING INFORMATION

To register for the 1987 Retreat, fill in the form on the left, clip and mail along with your check for $55.00 to:

Vera Packer
P. O. Box 851
Slidell, Louisiana 70459

The $55.00 you send will be for two nights lodging, five meals in the cafeteria (Friday night supper through Sunday breakfast), retreat material, travel insurance and a share in the overall expenses.

ALL RETREATANTS are expected to stay on the Assembly Grounds. There are no accomodations for men. Rooms will be assigned as registrations are received. A waiting list will be kept if necessary and you will be notified. Substitutions may be made, but there will be **NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 16.**

Rooms for four persons share two beds and one bath. Rooms for three have three beds, but share the bath with another room of three. Select accordingly.

Indicate if first floor accomodations are needed, realizing that numerous requests may necessitate separating roommates.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR AT HOME RETREATANTS ONLY

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

_____ At Home Fee - Check enclosed for $2.00 made payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

AT HOME RETREATANTS INFORMATION

If you wish to participate at home, fill in the form to the left and mail, along with your $2.00 to:

Lou Alexander
5637 Matthews Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70812

Mail in time to reach Lou before March 16. Material and instructions will be mailed to you.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
January 25, 1987
ALL Churches
Throughout the Conference

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 13-14, 1987
Alexandria

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
March 6, 1987
ALL Churches
Throughout the Conference

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED STATE ASSEMBLY
March 13-14, 1987
Monroe

CONFERENCE RETREAT
March 27-29, 1987
Methodist Seashore Assembly Grounds
Biloxi, Mississippi

COMMITTEE MEETINGS
•Finance
•Membership
•Nominations
April 11, 1987
David Haas Memorial U.M.C.
Bunkie, Louisiana

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION
July 21-24
July 24-26
Centenary College
Shreveport, Louisisana
Evelyn Evans, Dean
Taylor Phillips, Assistant Dean

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING
September 18-19, 1987
Noel Memorial U.M.C.
Shreveport, Louisiana
June Sumrall, Chairperson
Gladys Prillerman, Assistant Chairperson

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As soon as you have observed United Methodist Women's Sunday in your church, please complete the form that was sent to your unit and mail it, along with any bulletin or material concerning 'your day', to:

Pat Cobb
7117 Memphis Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

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"REMOVING BARRIERS, SEEKING WHOLENESS"

1987 School of Christian Mission
July 21-24 and July 24-26

Evelyn Evans
Dean

Taylor Phillips
Assistant Dean

It is time once again to look forward to the School of Christian Mission of the Louisiana Conference. The school provides an excellent opportunity for experiencing warm Christian fellowship, intellectually challenging study, and in-depth spiritual nurture. We are fortunate to have an excellent staff coming to lead the studies.

Our theme this year, "Removing Barriers, Seeking Wholeness," reminds us that as the earliest Christian community struggled with internal controversy and external pressures, we, too, struggle to overcome barriers that are physical and psychological. As we recognize the differences in our world's societies, we realize that all are more alike than they are different.

Scholarships are available from the Conference, as well as some districts. Contact your district president or Conference Membership Chairperson, Pat Cobb, for further details. We want everyone who would like to attend to have the opportunity.

Our school also provides continuing education credit for ministers, so let your pastor know that you would like to have him/her attend. Your church will benefit and so will they!

Please plan to arrive early enough to register and settle in before the opening meal (lunch on Tuesday at 12:00 noon or dinner on Friday at 5:45 P.M.). Those attending school for the first time will want to attend the orientation session schedule for each school - 5:15 P.M. on Tuesday or Friday - at the Learning Center in the South Cafeteria.

Taylor and I look forward to seeing you in July. Which district will go home with the attendance banner? Will it be yours? Come and see.

Evelyn Evans
Dean of 1987 School

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1987 DESIGNATED AREAS OF STUDY

"Toward Health and Wholeness" is the general theme developed by the Program Committee on Education for Mission. The purpose of this study is to help us become the persons we are intended to be by achieving a deeper understanding of the biblical and theological concepts of health and wholeness, and to develop an awareness of the world health situation and alternative approaches to health and health care systems.

"Peoples and Churches of the U.S.S.R." is the geographical theme developed by the Program Committee on Education for Mission. The study will proceed from three basic stances: that the perspective of the study will be the church; that the USSR society, like all other societies, has both positive and negative aspects to it; and that the desire to underscore common bonds among people will be the key in the materials.

"The Acts of the Apostles" is the spiritual growth study for the year. It was developed by the Committee on Spiritual and Theological Concerns of the Women's Division. The study of the Book of Acts offers opportunity to learn about the earliest years of the history of the church as a Spirit-led community facing questions about its identity and mission. It will encourage us to contemplate what the experiences of the earliest Christian community may teach us about the nature and task of the church today.

As we apply the "Acts of the Apostles" to our lives, we are appreciative that God has called us to be in Missions and that we are playing a part in restoring wholeness around the globe.

Bishop Desmond Tutu quoted an appropriate African proverb when he said, "A person is a person to another person." Adding this proverb to John Wesley's famous statement, "The World is my parish," we think of the restoration around the world as a personal challenge and respond in our giving.

Our offering for School of Christian Mission, 1987, will help enable the Womens Division to send appropriations to projects such as Shanta Bhawan Hospital in Nepal; Hunger/Poverty Program in Appalachia; Center for Retarded Children Program in Chile; Dulac Community Center here in Louisiana.

When we respond by participating in the offertory, it is possible for more requests for appropriations to be answered. It is in this way that you truly make mission work.

Lynn Foil
Secretary for Financial Interpretation

GENERAL INFORMATION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

The School of Christian Mission will be held on Centenary College Campus, Shreveport, Louisiana. It is one means of fulfilling the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women. Elements of the school will include an emphasis on the global mission of the church; an integrated program of missionary outreach, Christian social action, spiritual growth, program planning, and promotion of the total program of UMW; activities which will strengthen the organization of UMW and highlight specific program elements; and time for study, leadership activities, and program plenaries.

PREPARATION

Each participant will take two classes. All will participate in the study "The Acts of the Apostles." Be sure to indicate your choice of one of the other two studies on the registration form. All texts and resource books may be ordered from Service Center, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. These are the basic texts:

"The Acts of the Apostles"
- Acts for Our Time by Charles Yrigoyen, Jr. $1.95

"Toward Health and Wholeness"
- Journey Toward Wholeness by Cathie Lyons $4.95
- Being Whole: A Study Guide by Carol Birkland. $4.50

"Peoples and Churches of the U.S.S.R."
- One Thousand Years by J. Martin Bailey $4.95
- Eyes to See, Ears to Hear - Study Guide by Betty Jane Bailey and Constance Tarasar $5.95
- Map 'N' Facts People and Churches of U.S.S.R.. . . . . .$4.50

HOUSING AND MEALS

Reservations for housing will be available on an individual basis, dormitory style. Bring bed linens, pillows, BLANKETS, towels. Come prepared for rain. Dormitories and classes are air-conditioned so bring a SWEATER. Please bring good walking shoes. Register early! This is most important if you have special needs because of health problems. Special diets are not available. Check with the person you list as a preferred roommate before sending in your registration form.

COST

Everyone living on campus must purchase a meal ticket. Weekday School includes Tuesday's lunch through Friday's breakfast. Weekend School includes Friday evening dinner through Sunday's breakfast. Anyone not on the Conference Executive Committee or School Committee that comes early shall pay $10.00 a night for the dorm and for the extra meals.

WEEKDAY SCHOOL		WEEKEND SCHOOL	
Meals	$30.75 (9 meals)	Meals	$17.00 (5 meals)
Housing	$30.00 (3 nights)	Housing	$20.00 (2 nights)
Total	$60.75	Total	$37.00

YOUR ADDRESS ON CAMPUS (during schools)

James Dormitory, P. O. Box 4188
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104
Phone (318) 869-5313

MEDITATION ROOM

This room will be located in James Dormitory. Please take time to stop for a few minutes in its quiet atmosphere. We hope you will daily ask God to direct and guide us during the week of mission instruction. You are welcome to use any of the materials, but do not remove any books unless you check with Ella Mae Custer, who will be in charge of this area.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

The program resource room will have an abundant suppy of selected study materials for sale. There will be additional resources for promotion of United Methodist Women's program. Lueburda Myers is in charge of this room.

LEARNING CENTER

The learning center offers many lovely displays and numerous study resources for use during the week. Gladys Prillerman is responsible for this important asset of our school.

AUDIO VISUALS

Audio visuals are an important part of our school. You will have the opportunity to see many new AV's under the direction of Dorothy Abraham.

WEEKDAY SCHOOL

Tuesday, July 21, 1987

9:00 - 12:00 noon	Registration: James Dorm
12 noon - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
12:50 - 2:15 P.M.	Opening Plenary: Smith
2:30 - 5:00 P.M.	Class
5:15 - 5:45 P.M.	First Timers Meet at Learning Center*
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:45 - 8:30 P.M.	Acts of the Apostles**
8:30 - 9:00 P.M.	Audio-Visuals**

Wednesday, July 22, 1987

6:30 - 7:00 A.M.	Re-creation
7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Personal Meditation
7:30 - A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 10:00 A.M.	Plenary: Smith
10:15 - 11:45 A.M.	Acts of the Apostles**
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:15 P.M.	Quiet/Study/LC/AV's
2:30 - 5:00 P.M.	Class
5:15 - 5:45 P.M.	AV's/LC
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:45 - 8:30 P.M.	Acts of the Apostles**
FELLOWSHIP NIGHT	

Thursday, July 23, 1987

6:30 - 7:00 A.M.	Re-creation
7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Personal Meditation
7:30 - A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 A.M.	Sampler
9:45 - 10:45 A.M.	Plenary: Smith
10:45 - 11:45 A.M.	Acts of the Apostles**
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:15 P.M.	Quiet/Study/LC/AV's
2:30 - 5:00 P.M.	Class
5:00 - 5:45 P.M.	AV's/LC
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:45 - 8:30 P.M.	Acts of the Apostles**

Friday, July 24, 1987

6:30 - 7:00 A.M.	Re-creation
7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Personal Meditation
7:30 - A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 A.M.	Class
9:45 - 11:00 A.M.	Acts of the Apostles**
11:15 - 12:00 noon	Closing

Our Dean has need for VOLUNTEERS!!!

This year we are not having the music interest groups since people had to forego audio-visuals and other presentations to participate and there is no extra time to fit it in. So we have a special request. If you would be interested in doing some special music-solos, duets, etc. won't you please send your name and address to: **Evelyn Evans, 100 St. Clair, Natchitoches, LA 71457.** She will send you the music she would like used at School so you can learn it ahead and be ready to share your talent with us. Now, don't be bashful. Use your God-given talents.

WEEKEND SCHOOL

Friday, July 24, 1987

2:00 - 5:30 P.M.	Registration: James Dorm
5:15 - 5:45 P.M.	First Timers Meet at Learning Center*
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:45 - 8:00 P.M.	Opening Plenary: Smith
8:00 - 9:30 P.M.	Acts of the Apostles**

Saturday, July 25, 1987

6:30 - 7:00 A.M.	Re-creation
7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Personal Meditation
7:30 - A.M.	Breakfast
8:15 - 10:45 A.M.	Class
11:00 - 12:00 noon	AV's/LC
12:00 - 1:30 P.M.	Lunch/Quiet/Study
1:20 - 2:30 P.M.	Plenary: Smith
2:45 - 5:00 P.M.	Class
5:15 - 5:45 P.M.	AV's/LC
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:45 - 8:45 P.M.	Acts of the Apostles**
FELLOWSHIP NIGHT	

Sunday, July 26, 1987

6:30 - 7:00 A.M.	Re-creation
7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Personal Meditation
7:30 - A.M.	Breakfast
8:15 - 9:30 A.M.	Class
9:45 - 11:15 A.M.	Acts of the Apostles**
11:15 - 12 noon	Closing

* South Cafeteria

** Smith Auditorium
(Bible Study and Audio Visuals)

Program Resources - Centenary Room in cafeteria

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SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

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INTRODUCING 1987 SCHOOL O

for:"TOWARD HEALTH AND WHOLENESS"

J. Brendonly Douglas

Bren, as she is known to her friends, grew up in South Texas (Yoakum) and graduated from high school there in 1951. She attended Prairie View A&M College, majoring in Business Administration with a minor in English, and graduated from the University of Corpus Christi with a B.A. in Community Service. She received her M.A. from Sam Houston University in Social Service and her Master of Theology from Perkins School of Theology. In May of 1984 she received her doctorate from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin. She presently serves as pastor of the Barnett Chapel UMC and Chaplain of the Kerrville State Hospital, both in Kerrville, Texas. A person of great faith and abundant energy, Bren has published two books and is currently working on a third. She has led spiritual growth retreats in the Texas conferences and has taught in Schools of Christian Mission. We welcome her to Louisiana.

Audrey Milo

Audrey Milo is no stranger to Louisiana Conference. She is a former district and conference UMW officer and presently serves as Women's Division United Nations Interpreter for the Nashville region. She is also a member-at-large of the Executive Council of Church Women United of the USA and treasurer of Church Women United in Louisiana. Mrs. Milo is married to Reverend Howard Milo, pastor of Mallalieu and St. James UMC, and has two children and three grandchildren. She is a graduate of Ft. Valley State College, Georgia, and received her master of education in administration from LSU-BR in 1979. She has 30 graduate hours in school psychology from LSU-Shreveport. Audrey was director of Allendale Branch YWCA in Shreveport and is currently a vocal music teacher in Lafayette Parish.

Mary Weathers

Mary Weathers of Ft. Worth, Texas, is a graduate of North Texas State University. She is Secretary for Financial Interpretation of the Central Texas Conference UMW, a member of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and the Central Texas Conference Ethnic Minority Local Church Task Force. She was a delegate to the World Methodist Conference in Nairobi, Kenya in 1986. Mrs. Weathers is married and has five children and four grandchildren. She is vice president of the Conference Ministers Wives Club and a long-time member of the League of Women Voters. She also counsels rape victims at the county hospital. She has taught in Schools of Christian Mission in nine conferences. Mary enjoys knitting and crocheting and is learning to quilt. **Welcome to our school, Mary.**

for: "THE AC

Annette Sowell

CHRISTIAN MISSION TEACHERS

for: "PEOPLES AND CHURCHES OF THE U. S. S. R."

Gloria Bennett

Gloria Bennett also needs no introduction to Louisiana Conference. She is a former Conference chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Monroe District President, and Conference Coordinator of Christian Social Involvement. She has also served as assistant dean of the Conference School of Christian Mission. A native of Monroe, Mrs. Bennett is a member of First United Methodist Church, has taught Sunday School, and is serving on the Board of Trustees and Administrative Board of her church and the Monroe District Board of Trustees. Gloria recently retired as a legal secretary and is now devoting more time to her special interests which include her dog "Chance", reading, music, counted cross-stitch, and working with the Twin City Ballet and Monroe Little Theatre.

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Bob Call

Reverend Bob Call, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, York, Nebraska, graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College, where he received the Sheridan Watson Bell Award for outstanding religious service rendered to the college. He has a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He has served several appointments in the Nebraska Conference and in 1983 received the Harry Denman Evangelism Award at the Nebraska Annual Conference. Reverend Call is a member of the Nebraska Conference Board of Global Ministries and Assistant Dean of the Conference School of Christian Mission. He has taught in Schools of Mission for four years. Bob is married and has twin daughters and a son. We welcome him to Louisiana Conference and our school.

S OF THE APOSTLES"

Reverend Annette Sowell of Ft. Worth, Texas, is presently pastor of the Bethel Methodist Church of Ft. Worth. She received her Master of Divinity from Brite Divinity School, TCU, in 1985, having already graduated from Texas Wesleyan College and Emory University. Annette taught in the Louisiana Conference School in 1985 and we are pleased that she chose to return. She has worked in Christian Education and Church Administration, as well as Pastoral Care, and has been an exchange visiting pastor in England. She is married and has three children. Her hobbies include crewel embroidery, reading and walking.

Merrilyn Irvin

Merrilyn Irvin, a resident of Arlington, Texas, is Director of Volunteers for Hospice Care, Inc. and a Consultant for Church Program Planning and Leadership Development. She is a graduate of Texas Tech (B.B.A.) and T.C.U., Brite Divinity School (M.R.E.). In her local church she is a Communion Steward, adult Sunday School teacher, and Lay Delegate to Annual Conference. She serves as Vice Chair of the Central Texas Board of Church and Society; member of the Bishop's "Catch the Spirit" Task Force; member of the Conference Coordinating Committee of E.M.L.C.; and a member of the Conference Commission on Religion and Race. She is a District representative to A.C.C.O.M. She has served as a study group leader in School of Christian Mission for the past six years. Merrilyn is the mother of two children - - David, 12, and Ginger, 8 years. She loves to needlepoint and cross-stitch, travel, play bridge and trivial pursuit.

FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDY

Units wishing to be recognized at the 1987 School of Christian Mission must report to the District Coordinator of Christian Global Concerns by May 15 with the following information:

(1) Name of Unit, Church, City and District

(2) Local President

(3) Name of Studies Applying for Banner Roll
(Describe action that resulted from study)

Approved Studies for Recognition are:

1985-86: Native Peoples of North America
Caring for God's Earth
Daniel

1986-87: Suffering in the Christian Community of Faith
Crossroads in Southern Asia
Technology in Tension with Human Values

1987-88: The Acts of the Apostles
Peoples and Churches of the USSR
Toward Health and Wholeness

Have a capable, responsible committee which makes detailed plans; a leader who is prepared and who can give capable group leadership; a minimum of six hours for the study group; preparation between sessions (reading the text, collecting pictures, AV's, etc.); class members participation (panels, discussions, informal drama); action growing out of study.

If your unit has made these specific accomplishments, please contact your District Coordinator of Christian Global Concerns. Reports from the local unit should be returned to the District Coordinator by May 15, 1987.

Johnnye Butler
Conference Coordintor
Christian Global Concerns

One hundred fifty three women met at Methodist Seashore Assembly in Biloxi, Mississippi and joined with ninety-eight 'at home' retreatants in the bi-annual Conference Retreat. The Reverend Rosemary Brown of Tennessee was the retreat leader and the theme used was "Standing from a Kneeling Position." Margaret Burris and Vera Packer chaired this event which spanned a three day period. Much time was spent in quiet solitude along with singing, fellowship and directed meditations. A very meaningful Celebration of Holy Communion brought the retreat to a close. The time spent with Rosemary was so uplifting, we felt many would like to communicate with her. The address is:

The Reverend Rosemary Brown
114 LaSalle Court
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

IN HONOR

Each year at Annual Meeting Retiring Conference Officers are honored with a Special Mission Recognition. This is a fitting tribute to these women who have shared their time, talents, and resources in a position of leadership. Each unit has the opportunity of participating by contributing to a special offering in their honor.

Units wishing to participate in this time of appreciation should send their gifts to their District Treasurer with the second quarterly report due June 10. Please mark this offering "Gifts for Retiring Officers." They will be applied to the district and conference pledge to mission.

Be with us at Conference Annual Meeting at Noel United Methodist Church, Shreveport, September 16-17, at which time the retiring officers will be honored.

"SINGING IN THE RAIN"

Do you remember the joyful song "Singing in the Rain"? At any given time it is raining somewhere in the world. Whether the rain is literal or symbolic with the love of Christ we are able to sing. We have so many blessings for which we can give thanks. The same is not true for many of our sisters throughout our country and our world.

One way to share your song is to participate in the World Thank Offering. If your unit is not using this expression of love, will you accept the honor of being the one to initiate it? You can order free materials from Service Center. The leaflet No. 5106 and labels No. 5105 can be yours for the cost of postage. Each unit received a film slip telling about the World Thank Offering in January.

Remember, our monetary gifts are but a medium of exchange to express the love God shows to us through Jesus Christ. Less than 1/3 of our Louisiana UMW units participated in the World Thank Offering in 1986. Can we raise our gifts of thankfulness through the World Thank Offering so that we with our sisters may join together while "Singing in the Rain"?

Judy Rountree
Conference Treasurer

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund, the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women offers scholarships to the 1987 School of Christian Mission, July 21-24 (School I) and July 24-26 (School II). This has been made possible through gifts, special offerings, and the continual budgeting of local units.

This year the Committee on Membership is encouraging HIGH SCHOOL girls to apply for a scholarship. Getting women interested in mission at an early age is one way to balance the "greying" of our organization. Please seek out girls in your congregation and urge them to apply.

All applicants for scholarships should indicate a willingness to attend School I or School II and participate fully in all activities. They can be young, not-so-young, single, married, employed, student, retired, from a large or small unit or clergy. Persons other than members of United Methodist Women will be considered. PLEASE send only one applicant per unit per school (I or II). Applications must be mailed to:

PAT COBB
7117 MEMPHIS STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70124
PHONE (504) 288-6962

Send no later than May 30, 1987

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

District _____ Unit (name of church) _____

Location _____ New ____ No. in Unit ____

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ Zip _____

Applicant has _____ has not _____ attended School of Christian Mission before.

Applicant prefers to attend weekday School I _____
weekend School II _____

Applicant's age grouping is: High School _____

Under 35 _____ 36-50 _____ 51 and above _____

Employed full time _____ Part time _____

Retired _____ Student _____ Homemaker _____

Age of Children: Pre-school ____ School ____ Not at home ____

Applicant's choice of study: Toward Health and Wholeness ____
The Church and People of the USSR ____
The Book of Acts (taken by all)

Name of unit president or contact person _____

Address _____ Phone _____

To be filled in by applicant on separate sheet:
I would like to attend School of Mission because: _____

_____

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Send the entire form below (Registration and Housing) with check payable to "Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women" for REGISTRATION FEE ONLY to:

Registrar: Mrs. Madge Lewis
P. O. Box 211
Haynesville, Louisiana 71038

Registration Fees:
Attending one School. $10.00
Attending both Schools $12.00

Registration Fees will be returned if registration is cancelled by July 15th.

REGISTRATION FORM

Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

Check School attending:
School I (Weekday) July 21-24, 1987 ( )
School II (Weekend) July 24-26, 1987 ( )

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip ____

Church _____ District ____

Studies: Everyone participates in "The Acts of the Apostles"

Choose one of the following:
"Toward Health and Wholeness" ( )
"Peoples and Churches of the U.S.S.R." ( )

Address if not staying on campus _____

_____ Phone _____

Check here if attending for the first time ( )

HOUSING

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip ____

Roommate preferred _____
(Please submit together if possible)

First Floor necessary _____
(limited number available)

Check one each: Night Owl ( ) Early Bird ( )
Smoker ( ) Non Smoker ( )

Arriving: Date _____ Time _____
School I _____ School II _____

ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN SHREVEPORT

September 18-19, 1987

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene in the sanctuary of Noel Memorial United Methodist Church in Shreveport, September 18, 1987, at 1:00 P.M. It seems like a long time away, but in these busy days, it will be upon us before we know it.

Please place these important dates, September 18-19 on your calendar now.

The theme for this year's meeting is "Facing the Future—Through it All—God." Guest speaker will be Dr. Rosalee J. Lawson. Mrs. June Sumrall is Chairperson of the Annual Meeting Program and Mrs. Gladys Prillerman is Assistant chairperson. Dr. Charles B. Simmons is the host pastor.

→ REPORT ON ←
METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

Our scrapbook is growing! ! ! Thanks to all the units who shared their celebrations by sending report forms, bulletins, name tags, clippings, etc. If your unit has not reported, you may still do so. If your unit has not observed U.M.W. Sunday, you can still do that, too.

WE WANT YOU IN OUR NUMBER

Send your reports to:
Pat Cobb
7117 Memphis Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

Mark your calendar now for the 1988 date . . . . . January 24

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The Lake Charles District United Methodist Women have recently presented to the Conference Archives at Centenary College a rebound copy of "Women and Missions" which was written by Sara Estelle Haskins with a copyright date of 1920.

The book was owned originally by Mrs. Charles Sills. It was donated through the family of Mrs. Johnnie Stagg and Mr. and Mrs. Francis McCorquodale. Mrs. Betty Carlin, Past President of the Lake Charles District U.M.W. had the book rebound and made the presentation.

The first pages of the book were missing and copies of these were obtained through the assistance of Scarritt College Library and the Women's Division.

The author, Miss Haskins, was a staff member of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and joined the new Woman's Division in 1940. She died during a meeting of the Division in September 1940.

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Bunkie, Louisiana 71322

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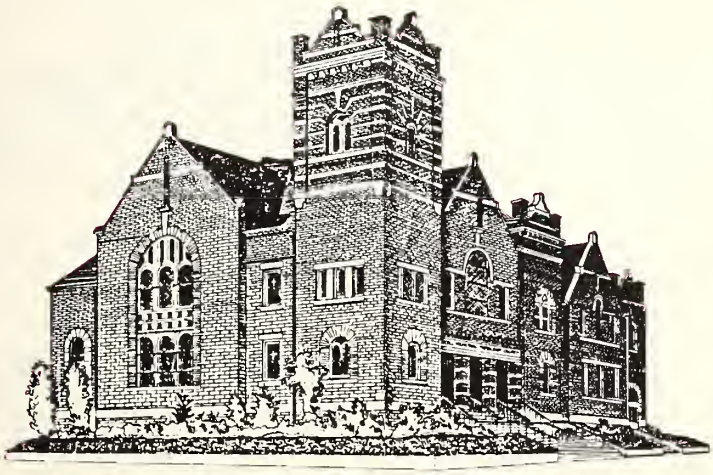

Noel Memorial United Methodist Church
Shreveport, Louisiana

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The theme for the 1987 meeting is "Facing the Future — Through It All. . .GOD". Ms. June Sumrall is Chairperson of the Annual Meeting Program this year. Mrs. Gladys Prillerman is Assistant Chairperson.

CALL

TO

ANNUAL

MEETING

Janelle McCammon

"Facing the Future - Through It All GOD" is the exciting theme of the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women to be held at Noel Memorial United Methodist Church in Shreveport on September 18 and 19, 1987. Every United Methodist Woman of the Louisiana Conference is cordially invited to attend!

The voting membership (delegates) will be composed of the following persons: members of the conference executive committee, district officers, presidents and chairpersons of former Conferences A and B and their predecessor organizations. Local units shall be represented on the basis of one delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof, providing that every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership shall be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the Conference President 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. (Standing Rules of the Organization.)

Each registered guest is covered by insurance from the time of departure for the event until arrival at home, which is the reason that everyone attending must pay the registration fee. The insurance, cost of packets, and other general expenses are partially covered by this fee.

The Program Committee and Local Committees are making splendid plans for this Annual Meeting. Women of the Shreveport District will assist in providing sandwich lunches on Friday and Saturday and a continental breakfast on Saturday morning. We are deeply grateful to all who are sharing in this planning, preparation, and gracious hospitality!

Dr. Rosalie Lawson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be the speaker for the Friday evening banquet and the morning session on Saturday. Times of worship, fellowship, and communion will also be high moments of Annual Meeting.

Come, let us share the inspiration and challenge of facing the future together with God!

Janelle McCammon
Conference President

ANNUAL MEETING MISSION CANDLE

Again, at Conference Annual Meeting, the Mission Candle Ceremony will take place at Noel Memorial United Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana. The Mission Candle is for honoring those who have "passed on", those who are serving now and for those who will serve in the future.

Let us all join by making a gift to the 1987 Mission Candle. Please send your gifts by September 5 to:

Shirley Hoffpauir
Rt. 16, Box 1549
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70605

Please send a list of names of people you wish to honor and indicate the appropriate section of book: past, present or future for each name.

Last year $9,647.29 was contributed to the candle. Let us continue to give freely to our second mile gift for mission and truly fulfill our purpose for United Methodist Women.

—ELECTIONS—

Elections will take place Friday afternoon at the Annual Meeting. The following nominees are submitted for Conference Officers for the new year.

PRESIDENT
Janelle McCammon (Mrs. C. R.)
161 Emerite Drive
Lafayette, Louisiana 70506
(318) 989-9106

SECRETARY
Sally W. Turner (Mrs. Ralph P.)
606 Marshall Avenue
Mansfield, Louisiana 71052
(318) 872-4550

CHRISTIAN GLOBAL CONCERNS
Wilma Crosby (Mrs. Tom)
1807 Loop Road
Winnsboro, Louisiana 71295
(318) 435-5656

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES
Lois Heath (Mrs. Daniel)
1263 Progress Road
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70807
(504) 775-7846

CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP
Pat Cobb (Mrs. Earl)
7117 Memphis Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124
(504) 288-6962

CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
Willie Mae Kimbrough (Mrs.)
Route 2, Box 26
Clinton, Louisiana 70722

NEW MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
(Elected for a three year term)

Ruston District:
Jane Humble (Mrs. W. J.)
P. O. Box 10
Calhoun, Louisiana 71225
(318) 644-2689

Lake Charles District:
Betty Carlin (Mrs. Curtis)
Route 2, Box 393
Anacoco, Louisiana 76403
(318) 239-0148

Shreveport District:
Mabel McDaniel (Mrs.)
Route 3, Box 328
Keithville, Louisiana 71047
(318) 925-9989

HOUSING INFORMATION

Sheraton Pierremont Hotel and Towers
1419 East 70th Street
Shreveport, Louisiana 71105

Reservations: 1-800-325-3535
Indicate you are with the United Methodist Women to get the special rate.

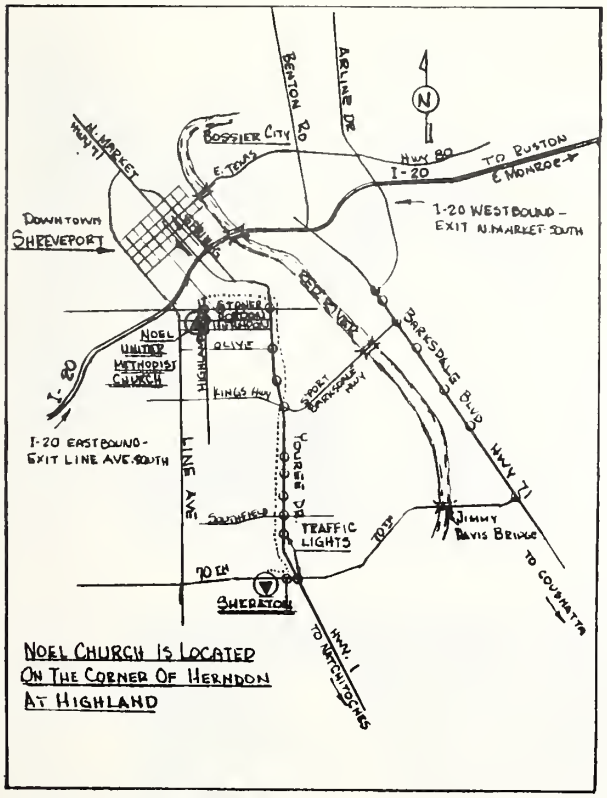
Registration Deadline: September 4, 1987

PLENTY OF PARKING AREA

Rate: $50.00 per room plus tax (9.5% tax = $4.75)
(Up to four in a room)
See Map Below —

Notice -- Important -- Notice

Due to the scarcity of hotel rooms in Shreveport on the weekend, we urge all participants to make room reservations early and before September 4th. After this date the rooms will not be held in a block just for United Methodist Women members. Indicate to the hotel clerk that you are with the U.M.W. group in order to get the special rate.



Facing The Future— Through It All GOD

PROGRAM

"FACING THE FUTURE — THROUGH IT ALL. . .GOD"

Friday, September 18, 1987
Noel Memorial United Methodist Church

1:00 P.M.	Organ Prelude	Becky Gerardy
	Convening of Annual Meeting	Janelle McCammon
	Welcome	Ola McNaughton
		Becky Gerardy
		Dr. Charles Simmons
	Opening Worship	Pat Kneipp
	Lighting of Mission Candle	Ann Oliver
	Presentation of Program	June Sumrall
	Report of President	Janelle McCammon
	Business:	
	Appointment of Committees	
	Recommendations from Executive Committee	Sally Turner
	UMW Sings	Suzanne Cate
	Report of Treasurer	Judith Rountree
	Presentation and Adoption of Budget	
	Report on Membership	Pat Cobb
	Report of Committee on Nominations	Idelle Simms
	Election of Conference Officers	
	Break	
	UMW Sings	
	Louisiana Mission Projects:	
	Dulac Community Center	
	MacDonnell Children's Services	
	St. Mark's Community Center	
	Program Resources	Lueburda Myers
	National Seminar Report	
	Building Connections	Georgie Dunbar
	From Liberia	Ester Hammond

DISMISSAL

6:30 P.M.	Sheraton Pierremont Hotel and Towers	
	Seated Banquet	
	Special Music	Suzanne Cate
	Message	Dr. Rosalie J. Lawson
	Prayer	

Saturday, September 19, 1987
Noel Memorial United Methodist Church

7:45 A.M.	Breakfast	
8:30 A.M.	Organ Prelude	Becky Gerardy
	Message	Dr. Rosalie J. Lawson
	Global Gathering Report	
	Offertory	
	Report of Registration	Mary Ellen Gardner
	Presentation of Special Mission Recognition	Janelle McCammon
	Pledge Service	Judy Rountree
		Lynn Foil
	Honoring Retiring Officers	Mary Ellen Gardner
	Installation of New Officers	Gladys Prillerman
	Invitation for 1988 Annual Meeting	
	Break	
	Holy Communion	Dr. Charles Simmons
	Adjournment	Janelle McCammon
	Postlude	Becky Gerardy

Program

We are fortunate this year to have two speakers for our Annual Meeting.

Dr. Rosalie J. Lawson

Speaking to us at the Banquet and on Saturday morning will be Dr. Rosalie Jenkins Lawson. Dr. Lawson is Associate Professor of Behavioral Sciences at the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, where she teaches medical students how to work with older patients and supervises their clinical training in nursing homes. She holds a Ph.D degree from Boston University in theological studies and adult Christian education. She is the author of Our Congregation's Ministries with Older Adults, a manual of the United Methodist Church.

In 1953-1959, Dr. Lawson was a Women's Division educational missionary to Brazil where she taught in the training school and wrote materials for the curriculum. She has been a director of Christian education and has taught in conferences of the United Methodist Church. At the present time she is chairperson of an interfaith task force on Spirituality and Aging with Tulsa Metropolitan Ministries.

Dr. Charles B. Simmons is in his second year of service as senior minister of Noel Memorial United Methodist Church in Shreveport. He is a native of Franklinton, Louisiana, and a 1971 graudate of Centenary College. He earned his Master of Divinity degree, magna cum laude, in 1974 from Emory University, after a year of study at the Institut Ecumenique at the University of Geneva as the selected representative of the United Methodist Church. He earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from Emory in 1978.

An ordained elder in full connection in the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Reverend Simmons has served in several positions in local churches as well as Director of Church Relations for Centenary College. He is also Chairman of the Conference Council on Ministries, the group responsible for statewide programs of Louisiana Methodism.

Dr. Simmons will be in charge of the Communion Service.

Dr. Charles B. Simmons
Host Pastor

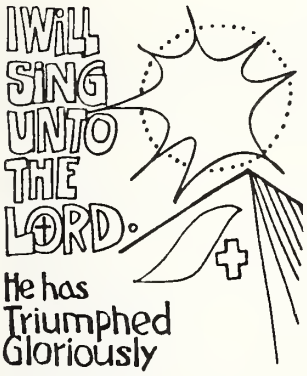
Dr. W. Odell Simmons
Host District Superintendent

Personnel

Pat Kneipp is a life long Methodist with membership at Shreveport First United Methodist Church where she teaches in the adult division and serves as facilitator for a Personal Awareness Group. She is past president of the local church United Methodist Women and was presented a lifetime membership in the organization. She has been active in a variety of other areas, including music and education, and was speaker for Shreveport District Retreat at Caney Lake this spring.

Pat is married to L. E. Kneipp, an active layman in First United Methodist Church. They are the parents of four children and have eight grandchildren. Pat has a career of her own as a counselor in private practice doing both personal and group therapy. She is a graduate of Louisiana Tech with a Master's degree in counseling with membershp in many professional associations including the Association for Religious and Value Issues in Counseling and Association for Specialist in Group Work. We are happy to have Pat as our speaker on Friday afternoon.

Pat Kneipp



Suzanne Cate –

Suzanne Cate has beeen Director of Music Ministries at Noel Memorial United Methodist Church, Shreveport, since January 1987. Before coming to Noel she served as Music Director at Buda United Methodist Church, Buda, Texas, for seven years and was active on the Southwest Texas Annual Conference Music Committee. She is a member of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music, Worship and the Other Arts, Texas Choral Directors Association, and Choristers Guild. Married to Michael, and mother to daughter Robin (13) and son Gabriel (10), she continues to perform in concert and recital.

Becky Gerardy –

Becky Gerardy, currently president of the United Methodist Women at Noel Memorial United Methodist Church in Shreveport, also served four years as treasurer. Formerly the accompanist for the Centenary College Choir, she now serves as assistant organist at Noel, accompanying the Youth Choirs and UMW. She is the Music Director for the Peter Pan Players and also accompanies the Shreveport Choral Ensemble and the Shreveport Chamber Singers. Married to Bill, she is the mother of three children, Lori (12), Scott (10), and Shea (6).

Mrs. Ola McNaughton, Shreveport District President
Mrs. Janelle McCammon, Louisiana Conference President
Mrs. June Sumrall, Chairperson, Annual Meeting Program
Mrs. Betty Ferrington, Louisiana Conference Vice President
Mrs. Mary Ellen Gardner, Registrar for Annual Meeting

Several years ago, there was a very popular book circulating, named Changepoints. Perhaps it is still making the rounds. It referred to those times in our lives when we pass from one stage to another. Many times we have no control over the situation. We leave one period behind and move to another, always walking in the faith that God is with us. When we can rely on that knowledge, that we are in the arms of the Creator God and being ever guided by the Holy Spirit, then we can move on with courage to a meaningful, exciting new adventure. This can also be a time for fondly recalling old friends and experiences, as we move on.

Rev. Ester L. Hammond has come to such a changepoint in her life. In order to reaffirm our love for her - we, the United Methodist Women of Louisiana Conference, will send the offering that we receive at Annual Meeting, 1987, to Women's Division in her honor; to be used to nourish the seeds of faith such as those she sowed during her stay in Liberia and to encourage churches such as those on the charge to which she has just been assigned - Church Point, Maxie and Ville Platte. Ester continues to be in our prayers and we are thankful for the opportunity to welcome her home.

Lynn Foil
Secretary of Financial Interpretation
Louisiana Conference

Rev. Ester L. Hammond

Gladys Prillerman, Sally Montgomery, Becky Gerardy, Suzanne Cate, Dru Foster, June Sumrall

LOCAL COMMITTEE

Co-Chairpersons of the Local Committee on Arrangements are Mrs. Sally Montgomery and Julia Papageorge. Ms. Becky Gerardy is President of United Methodist Women of Noel Memorial Methodist Church. Suzanne Cate is Music Director at Noel Memorial and Dru Foster is the Secretary and in charge of printing for Annual Meeting.

BANQUET

Many of us look forward to the banquet at our Annual Meeting as a time of fellowship.

Friday evening, beginning at 6:30 P.M., a seated banquet will be held at the Sheraton Pierremont Towers in the convention hotel. The speaker will be Dr. Rosalie Lawson and there will be special music by Suzanne Cate of Noel Memorial United Methodist Church.

Make your reservations when you send in your registration. The cost of the banquet ticket is $10.00

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

October 3 Baton Rouge-Lafayette Dist.
First U.M.C., Franklin

October 3 Lake Charles District
Wesley U.M.C., Sulphur

October 3 Monroe District
McGuire U.M.C.
West Monroe

October 3 New Orleans-Slidell District
Grace U.M.C., New Orleans

October 4 Baton Rouge-Hammond Dist
St. Andrews U.M.C.
Baton Rouge

October 4 Ruston District
Hodge U.M.C., Hodge

October 10 Alexandria District
First U.M.C., Pineville

October 10 New Orleans-Houma Dist.
First U.M.C., Houma

October 10 Shreveport District
Broadmoor U.M.C.
Shreveport

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING
October 17 Horseshoe Drive U.M.C.
Alexandria
Pat Cobb and Judy Rountree
Chairpersons

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
January 24, 1988
To be observed in churches ALL over Louisiana

MID YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 1988

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S JURISDICTION MEETING
April 8-10, 1988
Little Rock, Arkansas

GENERAL CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
April 26 - May 6, 1988
St. Louis, Missouri

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE
July 12-15, 1988
New Orleans, Louisiana

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION
July 19-22, 1988 — July 22-24, 1988
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

REGISTRATION FORM

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

September 18 – 19, 1987
NOEL MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
520 Herndon, Shreveport, Louisiana
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_____Conference Executive Committee_____
_____District Officer – Specify_____
_____Local Unit Representative
_____Former Conference President or Guild Secretary
_____Guest
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Church_____

City/Town_____

Number in Local Unit_____ District_____

Address during meeting_____

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BANQUET – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 6:30 P.M.
SHERATON PIERREMONT HOTEL AND TOWERS
TICKETS $10.00
DEADLINE FOR BANQUET TICKETS – SEPTEMBER 4, 1987
_____I will attend Banquet ((Enclose $15.00)
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(Indicate One)
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_____Other

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MEETING BEGINS FRIDAY, 1:00 P.M.
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NOEL MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1988 South Central Jurisdictional Conference

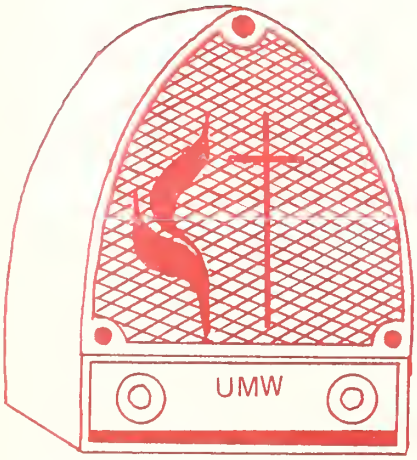
United Methodist Church
July 12-15, 1988

New Orleans, Louisiana

The quadrennial meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church will be held in Louisiana in July of 1988. The New Orleans Marriott was chosen as headquarters and Marian Eggerton is chairing the Local Committee. Many United Methodist Women from the two New Orleans Districts are working on the numerous sub-committees necessary to arrange such an important meeting.

Traditionally, local units of United Methodist Women in the host conference are asked to contribute to a love offering to help defray the cost of hospitality expenses.

Your Conference Executive Committee has given approval for this request to be made and each local President will receive a letter by the end of September. When you do receive it, we hope you will seriously consider giving; we need your help!



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Lynn Foil
Secretary for
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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ELECTED TO GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES

At the 1987 Annual Conference, several of our United Methodist Women were elected delegates to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church which will meet in St. Louis, Missouri, April 26 to May 6, 1988. Nancy M. Carruth, Amy G. Ward and Sara S. Fugler are among those so honored. They will also be delegates to the South Central Jurisdictional Conference meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 12-15, 1988. Also elected to the Jurisdictional Conference were Dorothy Mae Taylor, Janelle G. McCammon and Mary Margaret Barr. At the organizational meeting of the delegation, Nancy Carruth was elected Vice Chairperson and Mary Margaret Barr was elected Secretary. Dr. Tracy Arnold will Chair the delegation. Please uphold these in your prayers along with the other clergy and laymen elected. Their responsibilities are great and they will need your support.

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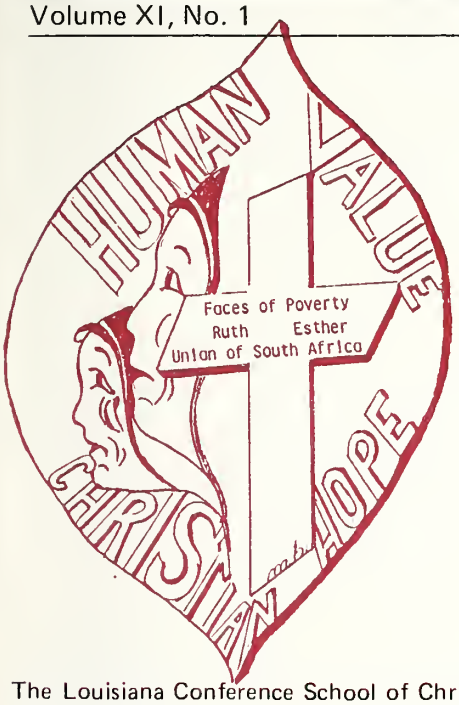

1988 School of Christian Mission
July 19 - 22 and July 22 - 24

The Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission is one of the most exciting educational events in the conference. This year is no exception. You only have to glance through this newsletter to see that once again those attending will be challenged intellectually and spiritually.

The theme of our school this year will be "Human Value - Christian Hope" as noted in the above artwork by Margaret Bryan.

Once again we have secured a staff of outstanding study group leaders. "Ruth and Esther" will be taught by Reverend Fay Barrhartung to the entire school. The faculty for "South Africa" includes Mrs. Margaret Bryan, Reverend Ester Hammond, and Reverend Sally Couvillion. The study "Faces of Poverty in Our Midst" will be presented by Mrs. Joyce Elaine Fish, Dr. George W. C. Calvin, Sr. and Reverend Gary H. Appleton.

We hope each unit will have representation at this 1988 School. The School of Christian Mission is the primary setting for mission education in the United Methodist Church. The school also provides continuing education credit for ministers, so let your pastor know that you would like to have him/her attend. Your church will benefit and so will they!

Make plans now to attend one of the two sessions (or both if possible). Remember if you pre-register (the form is in this newsletter), you are insured on your travel from home to school and back. Scholarships are available from the Conference UMW, as well as from some districts. Contact your district president or Conference Membership Chairperson, Pat Cobb, for details.

Arrive early enough to settle in before the opening meal (lunch at 12:00 noon on Tuesday or dinner on Friday at 5:45 P.M.). Those attending for the first time will want to attend the orientation session scheduled for each school. See the detailed schedule for time and place.

Taylor and I look forward to seeing you at Centenary in July. Join us for an experience you won't forget!

Evelyn Evans
Dean of 1988 School

Evelyn Evans
Dean

Taylor Phillips
Assistant Dean

1988 DESIGNATED AREAS OF STUDY

RUTH AND ESTHER: The spiritual growth study shows how Ruth and Esther minister within their context, involving themselves in the service of the healing of creation, as women today are called upon to do.

FACES OF POVERTY IN OUR MIDST: The general theme developed to help North American Christians achieve deeper understandings related to poverty including causes; impact on human lives; and appropriate responses for Christians. The study will examine the causes of poverty in the economies of the U.S. and Canada, the effects on the lives of people, and explore possibilities for ministry in community with the poor by empowering people for action in developing partnership.

SOUTH AFRICA: The geographical theme designed to invite persons to participate in a pilgrim community of discovery concerning the history, the peoples, and the issues confronting South Africa today.

OFFERING

Our offering for the 1988 School of Christian Mission will be sent undesignated, calling to mind all the numerous projects that are on-going in South Africa, as well as those projects aiding in the fight against poverty and despair across the globe. By sending it undesignated we can touch all these projects as they minister unto our sisters and brothers.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Fellowship Night this year will be as the name says - - - a time for Fellowship. Bring your favorite card game, dominoes, checkers or the newly-popular Pictionary game, etc. for an evening of relaxation and conversation. ENJOY!!!

GENERAL INFORMATION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

The School of Christian Mission will be held on Centenary College Campus, Shreveport, Louisiana. It is one means of fulfilling the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women. Elements of the school will include an emphasis on the global mission of the church; an integrated program of missionary outreach, Christian social action, spiritual growth, program planning, and promotion of the total program of UMW; activities which will strengthen the organization of UMW and highlight specific program elements; and time for study, leadership activities, and program plenaries.

PREPARATION

Each participant will take two classes. All will participate in the study "Ruth and Esther." Be sure to indicate your choice of one of the other two studies on the registration form. All texts and resource books may be ordered from Service Center, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. These are the basic texts:

"Ruth and Esther"
- Ruth and Esther: Women in Alien Lands by Johanna Bos $1.95

"Faces of Poverty in Our Midst"
- Breach of Promises: Portraits of Poverty by James Gittings $4.95
- Keeping Covenant With The Poor - Study Guide by Nancy Carter $3.95

"South Africa"
- South Africa's Moment of Truth by Edgar Lockwood $5.95
- Until We Are Free - Study Guide by John and Patricia deBeer $3.95

HOUSING AND MEALS

Reservations for housing will be available on an individual basis, dormitory style. Bring bed linens, pillows, BLANKETS, towels. Come prepared for rain. Dormitories and classes are air-conditioned so bring a SWEATER. Please bring good walking shoes. Register early! This is most important if you have special needs because of health problems. Special diets are not available. Check with the person you list as a preferred roommate before sending in your registration form.

COST

Everyone living on campus must purchase a meal ticket. Weekday School includes Tuesday's lunch through Friday's breakfast. Weekend School includes Friday evening dinner through Sunday's breakfast. Anyone not on the Conference Executive Committee or School Committee that comes early shall pay $10.00 a night for the dorm and for the extra meals.

WEEKDAY SCHOOL		WEEKEND SCHOOL	
Meals	$30.75 (9 meals)	Meals	$17.00 (5 meals)
Housing	$30.00 (3 nights)	Housing	$20.00 (2 nights)
Total	$60.75	Total	$37.00

YOUR ADDRESS ON CAMPUS (during schools)

James Dormitory, P. O. Box 4188
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104
Phone (318) 869-5313

MEDITATION ROOM

This room will be located in James Dormitory. Please take time to stop for a few minutes in its quiet atmosphere. We hope you will daily ask God to direct and guide us during the week of mission instruction. You are welcome to use any of the materials, but do not remove any books unless you check with Ella Mae Custer, who will be in charge of this area.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

The program resource room will have an abundant supply of selected study materials for sale. There will be additional resources for promotion of United Methodist Women's program. Lois Heath is in charge of this room.

LEARNING CENTER

The learning center offers many lovely displays and numerous study resources for use during the week. Norma Winegeart is responsible for this important asset of our school.

AUDIO VISUALS

Audio visuals are an important part of our school. You will have the opportunity to see many new AV's under the direction of Dorothy Abraham.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY SCHOOL

Tuesday, July 19, 1988

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.	Registration: James Dorm
11:30 - 12:00 Noon	First Timers Meet at Learning Center*
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
12:50 - 2:15 P.M.	Opening Plenary: Smith
2:30 - 5:00 P.M.	Classes
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:45 - 8:30 P.M.	Ruth and Esther**

Wednesday, July 20, 1988

7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Devotional: James Lobby
7:30 - A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 10:00 A.M.	Plenary: Smith
10:15 - 11:45 A.M.	Ruth and Esther**
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:15 P.M.	Quiet/Study/LC/AV's**
2:30 - 5:00 P.M.	Classes
5:15 - 5:45 P.M.	AV's/Learning Center
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:45 - 8:30 P.M.	Ruth and Esther**

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Thursday, July 21, 1988

7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Devotional: James Lobby
7:30 - A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 A.M.	Sampler
9:45 - 10:45 A.M.	Plenary: Smith
10:45 - 11:45 A.M.	Ruth and Esther**
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:15 P.M.	Quiet/Study/LC/AV's**
2:30 - 5:00 P.M.	Classes
5:00 - 5:45 P.M.	AV's/Learning Center
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:45 - 8:30 P.M.	Ruth and Esther**
9:00 - P.M.	School Committee/Staff/ Study Group Leaders Meet

Friday, July 22, 1988

7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Devotional: James Lobby
7:30 - A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 A.M.	Classes
9:45 - 11:00 A.M.	Ruth and Esther**
11:15 - 12:00 Noon	Closing

WEEKEND SCHOOL

Friday, July 22, 1988

2:00 - 5:30 P. M.	Registration: James Dorm
5:15 - 5:45 P.M.	First Timers Meet at Learning Center*
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:45 - 8:00 P.M.	Opening Plenary: Smith
8:00 - 9:30 P.M.	Ruth and Esther**

Saturday, July 23, 1988

7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Devotional: James Lobby
7:30 - A.M.	Breakfast
8:15 - 10:45 A.M.	Classes
11:00 - 12:00 Noon	AV's/Learning Center
12:00 - 1:30 P.M.	Lunch/Quiet/Study
1:20 - 2:30 P.M.	Plenary: Smith
2:45 - 5:00 P.M.	Classes
5:15 - 5:45 P.M.	AV's/Learning Center
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Dinner
6:45 - 8:45 P.M.	Ruth and Esther**

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Sunday, July 24, 1988

7:10 - 7:30 A.M.	Devotional: James Lobby
7:30 - A.M.	Breakfast
8:15 - 9:30 A.M.	Classes
9:45 - 11:15 A.M.	Ruth and Esther**
11:15 - 12:00 Noon	Closing

* South Cafeteria
** Smith Auditorium (Audio-Visuals and Spiritual Growth Study)

Program Resources — Centenary Room in Cafeteria

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FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDY

Units wishing to be recognized at the 1988 School of Christian Mission must report to the District Coordinator of Christian Global Concerns by May 15 with the following information:

(1) Name of Unit, Church, City and District
(2) Local President
(3) Name of Studies Applying for Banner Roll (Describe action that resulted from study)

Approved studies for recognition are:

1986-1987	Suffering and the Christian Community of Faith Crossroads in Southern Asia Technology in Tension with Human Values
1987-88	The Acts of the Apostles Peoples and Churches of the USSR Toward Health and Wholeness
1988-89	Ruth and Esther Faces of Poverty in Our Midst South Africa

Have a capable, responsible committee which makes detailed plans; a leader who is prepared and who can give capable group leadership; a minimum of six hours for the study group; preparations between sessions (reading the text, collecting pictures, AV's, etc.); class members participation (panels, discussions, informal drama); action growing out of study.

If your unit has made these specific accomplishments, please contact your District Coordinator of Christian Global Concerns. Reports from the local unit should be returned to the District Coordinator by May 15, 1988.

Wilma Crosby, Conference Coordinator, Christian Global Concerns

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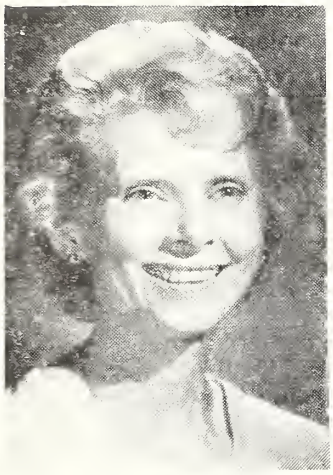
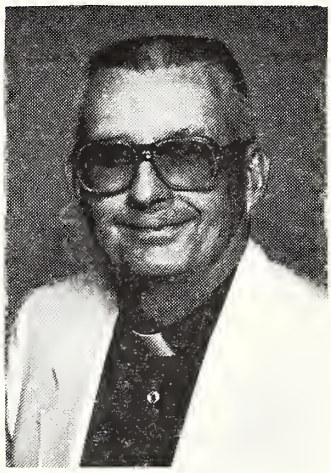
for: "Faces of Poverty in Our Midst"



Joyce Elaine Fish

Joyce Elaine Fish, a native of Austin, Texas, graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in chemistry and math. She worked as a chemist for over ten years, and is currently with the Corpus Christi Independent School District. She has been a district and conference UMW officer and president of Church Women United, as well as teaching in Schools of Christian Mission. Her husband is John W. Fish, Jr. and they have two grown sons. She and her family have traveled extensively throughout North and South America, Europe, and behind the Iron Curtain. She is presently Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations for Southwest Texas Conference UMW.



Gary Appleton

Reverend Gary H. Appleton, pastor of St. John and Antrim United Methodist Churches in St. John, Kansas, is a member of the Kansas West Conference. He is also serving as director of the Stafford County United Methodist Covenant Ministry consisting of a covenant ministry among seven churches. Reverend Appleton has been a study group leader for his conference for several years. He and his wife, Ann, are parents of three sons: Stephen, who lives in Denver, and Andrew, who attends Kansas State University. Their third son, Mark, is deceased.

George Calvin, Sr.

Dr. George W. C. Calvin, Sr., district superintendent of the NO/H District, graduated in 1972 from Southern University, Baton Rouge, with a Master of Arts in Social Sciences. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and his Doctor of Divinity from Dillard University in 1986. George has taught in Schools of Christian Mission thoughout the South Central Jurisdiction and will be a leader in the Pacific Regional School of Christian Mission in Tacoma, Washington, this summer. He will also lead a workshop at the Southeastern Jurisdiction meeting of UMW in Biloxi in April. Dr. Calvin is married to Mae E. Grayes and the father of three children.

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Fay Barrhartung

CHRISTIAN MISSION TEACHERS

for: "South Africa"

Margaret Bryan

Both an artist and author, Margaret Bryan needs no introduction to the United Methodist Women of Louisiana. She has served as a conference officer and as Dean of the School of Christian Mission. Margaret has a Master of Art and a Master of Spanish and has taught in Shreveport, Springhill, and in Columbia, South America. She has also conducted tours to most parts of the world. She is currently active in her local church, First UMC, Shreveport, and several art clubs. Margaret is a widow and has two sons.

Ester Hammond

Reverend Ester L. Hammond, who calls Bogalusa "home", is an Elder in the Louisiana Conference, now serving the Church Point - Maxie - Ville Platte Charge. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in History, magna cum laude, from SLU in Hammond. Her Master of Theology Degree is from Perkins School of Theology in Dallas. Reverend Hammond served as pastor for churches in Louisiana and North Texas before going to Liberia, West Africa, in 1981, where she served as a missionary for six years. She taught at the Gbarnga School of Theology. Ester is a widow with three married sons and has seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

ıth and Esther"

Though a native of Louisiana, Reverend Fay Barrhartung has spent a number of years in Illinois, South Dakota, and Arkansas. Her work has been varied; she has served as a Wesley Foundation director, director of Christian Education and Youth Work, as well as teaching English, literature, psychology, and education classes. She was the first woman to be appointed Dean of Students at Dakota Wesley University. Reverend Barrhartung entered the ministry after returning to Louisiana and is presently serving the Colfax-Hollins Chapel Charge in the Alexandria District. Fay has one son, one daughter, and two grandsons. She lists her hobbies as people, study, movies, theatre, music and travel.

Sally Couvillion

Sally Couvillion of Conroe, Texas, will be ordained a deacon at the Texas Annual Conference this spring. Currently a third year student at Perkins School of Theology at SMU, she is a strong supporter of UMW, having served in local and district offices. She has taught in the Central Texas Conference School of Christian Mission. Sally is married to Dr. William S. Couvillion and has one son, Scott. Her hobbies include reading, gourmet cooking, piano playing and needlework. She is presently interested in making Battenberg lace.

FROM WOMEN'S DIVISION TO YOU

In its most recent meeting the Women's Division
VOTED "It's the Right Choice UNITED METHODIST WOMEN" as the theme of the Division's goal of increasing membership to 1.5 million by 1990.
APPROVED the Gospel of John as the Spiritual Growth Study for 1992.
GRANTED a total of $882,247.24 for Native American Ministries, programs and property repair and maintenance in five states and a grant to United Methodist Women in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. DULAC COMMNITY CENTER will receive $56,000 for a program on Child Advocacy.
APPROVED total expenditures over $1.5 million for property improvement, renovation, and new construction on Women's Division property now housing National Division agencies.

Dulac Community Center was given $440,000 to replace the Center Building which was destroyed by Hurricane Juan in 1985.
ADOPTED the Division's 1988 budget of $18,573,298.
VOTED to authorize a "Campaign for Children in the United States" in all local units of United Methodist Women, beginning January 1, 1988. Information will be sent to all local unit presidents and special resources will be prepared.
VOTED to establish a new Supplementary Gift Emphasis for 1989-1992, "Hope and Wholeness for Children and Youth". This will focus on ministries with young people from 8 to 18 years of age in the United States and other countries.
VOTED to initiate conversations with the General Board of Discipleship regarding cooperative efforts on behalf of missionary education of children and youth; also to initiate conversations with the General Board of Higher Education regarding resuming functions related to student work, as requested by the Council of Bishops.
VOTED to hold the 1994 Assembly of United Methodist Women in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 28 — May 1.

Submitted by Janelle McCammon
Conference President

THE READING PROGRAM

The purpose of the Reading Program for United Methodist Women is to encourage them, through reading, to become informed, sensitive to all human beings, to be alert and knowledgeable about issues, educated and trained for involvement in Christian mission, and be aware of what one is and what one can do through self- understanding.

To participate in the Reading Program, select books from the list determined by the Women's Division. (See Reading Program 1988 issue.)

I've selected one book listed under Christian Personhood to give you highlights:

Title: *"Emotions, Guide for Today's Woman".*

This book deals with emotions. What is an emotion? The author describes it as a feeling inside of us such as love, anger, and joy. An individual acts differently in each situation; much depends on how we identify what we feel. These emotions are distinguished at a very early age; very often anger is identified with hate. Feelings have names and causes and sometimes even action associated with them. The capacity to think about our emotions also improves our ability to control them. Emotions may be used constructively or destructively. There are both constructive and destructive ways to handle our emotions.

I challenge you to:

Read this book. It tells how to control our actions; how to live creatively with our feelings; to discover more pleasure and overcome troubles; how to improve our relations with others; and to help us learn more about ourselves.

Ella Mae Custer
Conference Coordinator for Christian Personhood

— NATIONAL SEMINAR —

The theme of National Seminar, held in Columbus, Ohio, was "Faithful Action: Joyful Living." The Louisiana Conference had three delegates representing local, district, and conference levels of the United Methodist Women. Phyliss Wilbert, of Plaquemine, an active member of her local church; Constance Handy, District Program Resource Secretary for the Lake Charles District; and Betty Ferrington, Conference Vice President of Walker. There were 347 other participants, 20 Plenary Session leaders, and 25 Action Group leaders representing the continental U. S., Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

The program of the seminar was designed to achieve the theme mentioned above by giving the participants the opportunity to experience God as the center of joyful living; explore Biblical and theological foundations which motivate United Methodist Women to lives of faith and action; experience spiritual disciplines that give direction and strength to act; celebrate the fact that there is joy in faithful action and that we can make a difference; learn advocacy skills; develop action projects around issues of racial, economic and global justice and the issue of peace; and then to implement models at the local, district, and conference levels, enabling all of us to take risks within a caring, supportive community.

Daily Plenary sessions were held about the needs and sufferings of mankind, specifically women and children, in places such as Hawaii; the Appalachian region; Tempe, Arizona; Follette, Texas; Mexico City; New York; the Philippines and Washington, D. C. A few of the topics discussed in the plenary sessions were the plight of the farmers and the misuse and abuse of our land, peaceful protest of the transportation of nuclear weapons and warheads through communities, the financing of arms and ammunition in South America which are used to promote devastation, the perpetration of subtle racism in America today, exploitation of women and young girls in Philippine factories, and the Arms Deal to the Contras in Central America.

Participants were involved in action groups, in addition to Bible study and daily plenary sessions. These groups were appropriately named action groups because they involved hands on activities to acquire knowledge, skills, and action plans on a variety of timely topics. Learning advocacy skills in the areas of constituency education, community action and public policy, developing action projects around issues of racial, economic and global justice and peace, and implementing the action models at the local, district, and conference levels were achieved in the dynamic action groups of the seminar. A few of the action groups provided were: Hunger, Hope and Justice in Southern Africa; Peace with Justice Programming; Women: Planning for the Future; Immigration and Racism; and Women in Politics: An Introduction. There was a facilitator and resource person in each group in addition to the participants, who represented different parts of the United States and all levels of involvement with United Methodist Women.

My action group, Women in Politics: An Introduction, showed me various ways of being politically involved -- from the grass roots level to running for office.

Each of us returned to our families and hometowns changed, after attending National Seminar. Each of us realized that there was definitely more work to be done by us at our various levels of involvement with United Methodist Women. Now, we had experienced the meaning of "Faithful Action: Joyful Living," and we knew our task would be to share this new knowledge and wonderful experience with you, in our own way.

Constance Handy

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM JUDY ROUNTREE — CONFERENCE TREASURER

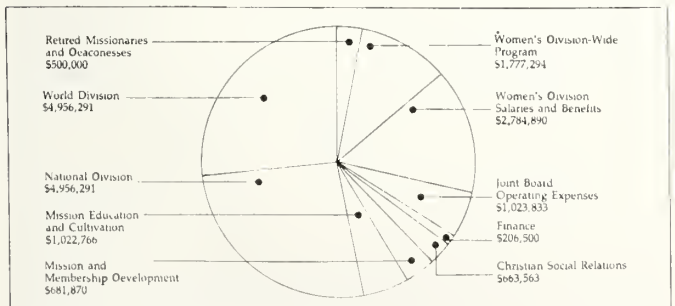
WHAT REALLY HAPPENED BECAUSE

United Methodist Women are committed to the mission expressed through the programs of the Women's Division and other units of the General Board of Global Ministries. This is very evident as the 1986 income to the Women's Division is reviewed. Income from 1986 funds mission in 1988. Income totaling $18,573,298 undesignated giving shows an increase of 2.04 percent over 1985. Undesignated giving channels include Pledge to Mission, Gift to Mission, Special Mission Recognition, Gifts in Memory and World Thank Offering.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED BECAUSE of your pledge and other undesignated gifts tells the real story of mission.

- A young Chinese woman enjoyed the fellowship and nuture of a Christian community at Gum Moon Residence in San Francisco.
- English as a second language was taught to 180 children and youth during the summer at Holding Institute, Laredo, Texas.
- Shelter was provided for the temporarily homeless by Southside Community Center in San Marcos, Texas.
- A Senior Citizens program was conducted at the Mississippi Rural Center in Columbia, Mississippi.
- A teenage girl was able to reenter the community after sharing in the atmosphere of love and understanding at Vashti Educational Center, Thomasville, Georgia.
- Many women in crisis were assisted through the Advocacy for Women in Crisis Center in Tucson, Arizona.
- Judith Newton, missionary in Japan, taught English to students in Tohoku Gakuin.
- The work with women of the church in Sierra Leone was enhanced.
- Christian nurture materials were published and used by the United Methodist Church in the Philippines.
- Sections of "Response" were recorded on cassette tape for the visually impaired members of United Methodist Women.
- Two filmstrips were mailed to each local unit president regarding undesignated giving.
- Church Women United received its annual grant to continue its important ecumenical program with women.
- Five Regional Schools of Christian Mission and twelve Christian Disciplines workshops were held.
- Ninety-one retired missionaries and deaconesses enjoyed living at Brooks-Howell Home, Asheville, North Carolina.

Your undesignated giving touched the lives of many persons around the world. The good news of the gospel was shared through preaching, loving, healing, teaching and ministering to the needs of many of God's children.



WOMEN'S DIVISION TOTAL 1988 APPROPRIATIONS $18,573,298

AND THE $18,573,298 IS APPROPRIATED

While this chart shows graphically how the undesignated monies collected in 1986 enters mission, what will happen because of your mission giving will also include:

- Care for retired missionaries living at Brooks-Howell Home, Asheville, North Carolina; Mt. Miguel Covenant Village in Spring Valley, California; and Epworth Manor in Ocean Grove, New Jersey.
- UMW Assembly, biannual mailing to local unit presidents, production cost of free literature.
- Expenses for the nine division regional offices and the expenses for the division directors to participate in the work of the division.
- Caretaking and maintenance of mission properties.
- Mission recognition program expenses as Special Mission Recognitions and Gifts to Mission.
- Printed and audiovisual resources, "Response" magazine, mission itineration, and mission letters.
- Salary support and benefits for the division professional and general office staff.

Though this appears to be mundane ministries, this supports the work and workers of those involved in getting the mission story told. National and World Division each received $4,956,291 or 52% of the giving.

"The Women's Division challenge to raise undesignated giving to $24 million by 1990 presents a special opportunity for us to increase our giving, so that our United Methodist Women's mission outreach remains strong into the next century. As the costs of missionary and mission programs increase dramatically, our continued faithful response will enable the various ministries to continue to reach out to God's children all around the world."

WOMEN'S DIVISION GOAL OF $24 MILLION BY 1990 HOW CAN LOUISIANA HELP?

Undesignated Giving 1980-86

Year	Amount	% Increase	$ Increase
1980	$191,740		
1981	193,701	1.0%	$ 1,961
1982	212,802	9.9%	19,101
1983	211,821	–.5%	(981)
1984	215,410	1.7%	3,589
1985	227,255	5.5%	11,845
1986	250,230	10.1%	22,975
Average	$214,708	4.6%	$ 9,748
In order to meet $24 million will have to give:			
1987	$258,187	3.18%	$ 7,957 above 1986 amount
1988	275,847	6.84%	17,660
1989	296,205	7.38%	20,358
1990	323,367	9.17%	27,162
TOTAL		29.2%	$73,137

LOUISIANA CAN DO THIS BY:

100 More Units giving a $30 Mission Recognition	$ 3,000
150 PERSONS buy 1 pack of Gift to Mission Cards ($50)	7,500
150 More UNITS give to World Thank Offering at $100 each	15,000
	$25,500

ALL DISTRICT and CONFERENCE OFFERINGS go undesignated — Estimate $14,500

and

A STEADY 2 to 5% Increase in Pledge Giving yearly

ARE WE DARING AND VISIONARY ENOUGH TO MEET THE CHALLENGE?

A BUCKET OF WATER FOR DULAC

Do you have a bucket of water? Can you create an ocean with a bucket of water? You can't, but if all of us combine our buckets of water we can create an ocean! This is preciously what happens when we all combine our undesignated giving. We create a vast source of mission funding. When all of the 73 conferences pour their buckets of water together, an ocean floods the mission field. Our undesignated givings combine to create this ocean of undesignated funding that can be used to nuture mission all over the world.

We said undesignated giving would work and an article from "New World Outlook", January 1988, details the work at Dulac Community Center in Louisiana with the Houma Indians.

"Though United Methodists comprise only five percent of Terrebone Parish, their mission work has had a profound effect on the spiritual, educational and social development among the Houma. Kirby Verret, a Methodist deacon, says, 'Methodists have been the ones who took the action needed to improve life for the Houma, no matter how unpopular it was with others. They knew what the need was and they took action'.

The Dulac Community Center has been down for a 'long count,' but it has never been out. Louisiana congregations and United Methodist Women feel a special concern for the Dulac mission. The National Division has coordinated efforts to help Clanton Chapel UMC install its new sewer system and provided staff and program support for the community center. Once the sewage system is in place, the Women's Division will release funds for a new building for the center built on pilings that will make it immune to most flooding.

The people of Dulac find themselves on the edge of the Bayou, having endured hundreds of years of neglect and prejudice. The promise that the new community center holds out is one of empowerment and well-being -- spiritual and material. The people of Dulac are optimistic about the future. The reopening of the community center in 1988 will be a springboard for greater achievement, they say."

When Eva Underwood started work as the center's executive director last June 1, the center got the shot in the arm it needed badly. She is a Houma Native American who grew up in Dulac and was educated at the United Methodist School there. To gain a high school education, she had to leave Louisiana. Her high school studies were done at Vashti, a United Methodist Church institution founded by the women of the church. After 23 years as a public school teacher, she has returned to fulfill a dream to work among her people.

Eva stated, "I know the Houma people, and in a sense, I'm related to all of them. I know their needs and hopes. There is a real sense of optimism among our people that the center will be back on its feet soon. In the meantime, we'll do our best to keep administering the programs we have now."

Dulac does not need a bucket of water but it does need a wave from our ocean of undesignated giving. Can we create that ocen by ourselves? No, and we cannot support even one project as a conference, but when we combine our undesignated giving with all the other conferences, we can support mission projects all over the world. Isn't this a part of the Good News?

A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF GIFTS

Special person? Special gift? A little something -- but a little something special? Give the gift that keeps on giving -- A Gift to Mission is the perfect answer. Not only does it honor the receiver but also reaches out becoming a blessing for others. Why not order a year's supply of gifts now for these occasions?

January - February - March
UMW Day, Valentine, Easter

April - May - June
Day Apart, Mother's Day, Graduation, Father's Day, Honor Your Pastor

July - August - September
Sunday School Promotion, School of Mission Speakers, Mission Study Leaders

October - November - December
Annual Meeting, Retiring Officers, Thanksgiving, Christmas

Anytime
Birthday, Anniversary, Wedding, New Baby Secret Pal, Missionary, Women in the News, Special Friends or Resource Speakers for your unit

Does your unit pray for a different missionary each month? Send an "In the Service of Christ" card and a note along with your prayers. Do you honor graduates each spring? A Congratulation card enclosed with the gift would help emphasize the story of mission. The list and the possibilities are endless.

Order through your unit treasurer individually or in three different packages of ten cards with envelopes. The assorted set includes one each of In the Service of Christ and the three a Special Day designs, two each of A Baby, Congratulations, and Thank You. Ten A Special Day designs come packaged together as does ten of any one card. The Gift to Mission cards though new in design are the same price, $5 each and $50 for a package of ten. If you have them on hand personally and in your unit, they will be readily available, so order today. Where else can you find a gift that reaches around the world?

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

$256,572.57 Pledge to Mission has been sent in your name from Louisiana Conference UMW. This represents an overpayment of $7,672.57. To those of you who participated in 31-derful Ways to Say Thanks, THANK YOU for sharing a vision and having it come true. Our World Thank Offering for 1987, $18,937.45, is a $7,294.89 increase over 1986.

There is a need for 200 more missionaries in the mission field. Funding calls for $24M undesignated monies by 1990. Remembering that the acts of sharing our dollars are but a medium of exchange, the real gift is our sharing of God's love with our neighbors, Louisiana Conference UMW will rise to this new challenge.

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund, the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women offers scholarships to the 1988 School of Christian Mission, July 19-22 (School I) and July 22-24 (School II). This has been made possible through gifts, special offerings, and the continual budgeting of local units.

This year the Committee on Membership is encouraging HIGH SCHOOL girls to apply for a scholarship. Getting women interested in mission at an early age is one way to balance the "greying" of our organization. Please seek out girls in your congregation and urge them to apply.

All applicants for scholarships should indicate a willingness to attend School I or School II and participate fully in all activities. They can be young, not-so-young, single, married, employed, student, retired, from a large or small unit or clergy. Persons other than members of United Methodist Women will be considered. PLEASE send only one applicant per unit per school (I or II). Applications must be mailed to:

PAT COBB
7117 MEMPHIS STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70124
PHONE (504) 288-6962

SEND NO LATER THAN MAY 30, 1988

ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

District _____ Unit (name of church) _____

Location _____ New ____ No. in Unit ____

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ Zip _____

Applicant has _____ has not _____ attended School of Christian Mission before.

Applicant prefers to attend weekday School I _____
weekend School II _____

Applicant's age grouping is: High School _____
Under 35 _____ 36-50 _____ 51 and above _____

Employed full time _____ Part time _____

Retired _____ Student _____ Homemaker _____

Age of Children: Pre-school ____ School ____ Not at home ____

Applicant's choice of study: "South Africa" ( )
"Faces of Poverty in Our Midst" ( )
"Ruth and Esther" (taken by all)

Name of unit president or contact person _____

Address _____ Phone _____

To be filled in by applicant on separate sheet:
I would like to attend School of Mission because: _____

_____

_____

Send the entire form below (Registration and Housing) with check payable to "Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women" for REGISTRATION FEE ONLY to:

Registrar: Mrs. Madge Lewis
P. O. Box 211
Haynesville, Louisiana 71038

Registration Fees:
Attending one School. $10.00
Attending both Schools $12.00

Registration Fees will be returned if registration is cancelled by July 12th.

REGISTRATION FORM

Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

Check School attending:
School I (Weekday) July 19-22, 1988 ( )
School II (Weekend) July 22-24, 1988 ( )

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Church _____ District _____

Studies: Everyone participates in "Ruth and Esther"

Choose one of the following:
"South Africa" ( )
"Faces of Poverty in Our Midst" ( )

Address if not staying on campus _____

_____ Phone _____

Check here if attending for the first time ( )

HOUSING

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Roommate preferred _____
(Please submit together if possible)

First Floor necessary _____
(limited number available)

Check one each: Night Owl ( ) Early Bird ( )
Smoker ( ) Non Smoker ( )

Arriving: Date _____ Time _____
School I _____ School II _____

INTRODUCING NADINE S. HARDIN

Nadine S. Hardin of Fort Smith, Arkansas, has been named Consultant for Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women for the Women's Division Program on Undesignated Giving. Nadine comes to this position with wide experience and great expertise. She is a former Director of the Women's Division, having served in the Section of Finance. She is the owner of a business as Efficiency Consultant. She has been a delegate to General Conference and elected secretary of the General Committee on the Episcopacy. Formerly she was Chairperson of the Conference Board of Global Ministries.

She has been a United Methodist Women's Conference officer and a District President. Presently, she is serving as Chairperson of her District Committee on Nominations and is an officer in her local unit.

In her professional life she is a Certified leader of Bi-Polar (Theory of Personality). She is an active member of former flight attendants' organization, "Braniff's Clipped B's". She is a member of the Arkansas Advisory Board of Peace Links Worldwide, Inc.

Maryruth Nickels, former Regional Director for our conference, is serving as Program Coordinator for this special program and will be working closely with the thirty-six volunteers who are serving as consultants.

GROWING GREAT IN '88

Our theme for United Methodist Women's Sunday was "Growing Great in '88". We hope you had a GREAT celebration in your church! We also hope that you will continue to "Grow Great in '88". If you held an event in your church and have not yet reported it, please send a report to Pat Cobb, 7117 Memphis Street, New Orleans, LA 70124. Share your day with us. So far, approximately 160 units have responded and I would like to hear from others.

Be sure to look for the scrap book of all these events at School of Christian Missions and at Annual Meeting in September.

Pat Cobb
Conference Chairperson
Committee on Membership

1988 South Central Jurisdictional Conference

United Methodist Church
July 12-15, 1988

New Orleans, Louisiana

Thanks to 65 units that responded to the request for funds for the 1988 South Central Jurisdictional Conference. Your gifts will help make the upcoming event warm and personal by providing some of the gracious hosted events! If your unit meant to send a gift and just didn't "get around to it", it's not too late. Make your check payable to the NOS District, United Methodist Church and send it to me, Marian Eggerton, at 2468 Lake Oaks Parkway, New Orleans, LA 70122.

It has been good hearing from all of you, and again, my deepest heartfelt thank-you!

Marian

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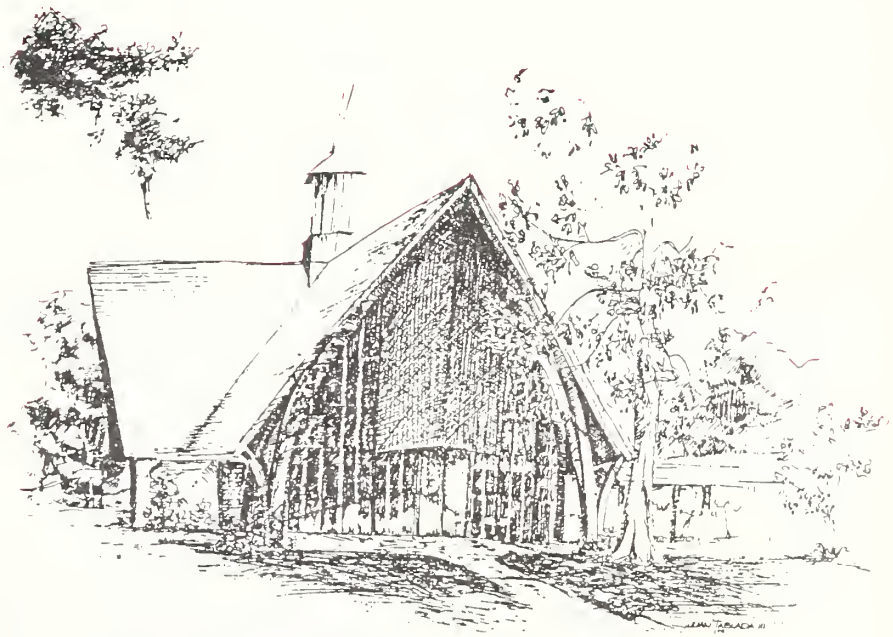
Fifteenth Annual Meeting Louisiana Conference, United Methodist Women

SEPTEMBER 16 - 17, 1988
Theme: *"ALL One in Christ"*

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene at 1:00 P.M. in the sanctuary of the Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Friday, September 16, 1988. A processional of conference officers and dignitaries will signal the beginning of the meeting with the processional hymn, "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee," being led by the Handbell Choir and the Women's Ensemble of Broadmoor Church. Colorful windsocks designed to interpret the theme will be carried by representatives of the nine districts in the Louisiana Conference.



BROADMOOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

Janelle McCammon, Conference President, will preside over the meeting. Participants will be welcomed by Dr. Kenneth Reed, Host Minister; Alice Irving, Baton Rouge-Hammond District President; and Frances Pearce, local President.

This year's speakers will include Betty Gordon, Vice-President of the Women's Division; Edith Ming, President of the World Federation of Methodist Women; and Margaret Browder, Regional Representative to Church Women United.

Alice Story and Lou Alexander are serving as Co-Chairpersons of the annual Meeting Task Force; Cynthia Holliday is Local Arrangements Chairperson. They extend a most cordial invitation to all Louisiana United Methodist Women to attend the 1988 Annual Meeting. A warm welcome awaits you!

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Annual Meeting will focus on our long tradition of ecumenicity as we celebrate that we are truly ALL ONE IN CHRIST. The Task Group of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting is making wonderful plans to increase our awareness of the heritage that is ours and strengthen our commitment for the future.

Each United Methodist Woman of the Louisiana Conference is cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting to be held at Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge on September 16 and 17, 1988.

The voting membership (delegates) will be composed of the following persons: members of the conference executive committee, district officers, presidents and chairpersons of the former Conferences A and B and their predecessor organizations. Local units shall be represented on the basis of one delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof, providing that every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership shall be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the Conference President sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting. (Standing Rules of the Organization.)

Each registered guest is covered by insurance from the time of departure for the event until arrival at home, which is the reason that everyone attending must pay the registration fee. The insurance fee, cost of packets, and other general expenses are partially covered by this fee.

The local committee has been working many months and has made marvelous plans for our comfort and convenience. The women of the Baton Rouge-Hammond District will be assisting in serving sandwich lunches on Friday and Saturday, and a continental breakfast on Saturday morning. We are deeply grateful for their gracious hospitality.

It will be our privilege at this Annual Meeting to have several outstanding guests. We will welcome our new bishop; also, Mrs. Betty Gordon, Vice President of the Women's Division, and Mrs. Edith Ming, President of the World Federation of Methodis Women. All of these will be on our program. You will want to be present!

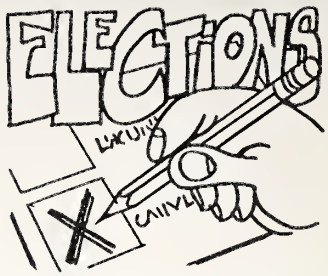
Annual Meeting is always a time of inspiration, information, and challenge. I look forward with real joy to seeing each one of you in Baton Rouge!

Janelle McCammon
Conference President

Alice Story, Chairperson
Annual Meeting Task Group

Lou Alexander, Co-Chairperson
Annual Meeting Task Group

Janelle McCammon
Conference President



Elections will take place Friday afternoon at the Annual Meeting. The following nominees are submitted for Conference Officers for the new year:

VICE PRESIDENT
Betty Ferrington (Mrs. Ed)
P. O. Box 21
Walker, Louisiana 70785

TREASURER
Mary Spell (Mrs. Carrol)
103 Valcourt Drive
Abbeville, Louisiana 70510

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P. O. Box 635
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Fannie Reddix (Mrs.)
1330 Cambronne Street
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Georgia Dunbar (Mrs. Ashton)
207 Payne Street
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P. O. Box 931
Lake Arthur, Louisiana 70549

PUBLICITY-PUBLIC RELATIONS
Seola Callihan (Mrs. Lawrence)
HC-85 Box 310
Oakdale, Louisiana 71463

CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
Hilda D. Sills (Mrs.)
4745 Overton Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122

NEW MEMBERS COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (3 Year Term)

Monroe District:
Sandra Thomas (Mrs.)
Rt. 5, Box 511A
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

Baton Rouge-Hammond District:
Mary M. Kay (Mrs.)
P. O. Box 8229
Clinton, Louisiana 70722

New Orleans-Slidell District:
Annie B. Lincoln (Mrs.)
4108 Mithra Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70126

MISSION CANDLE • We will once again burn the Mission Candle at Annual Meeting as a memorial to those who have gone before us; as a tribute to those who are presently serving; and as a symbol of all the young persons in whom we place our hope for the future.

The cost of support for mission work this year is $35.34 a minute. It would be an extraordinary expression of our dedication to receive sufficent gifts to enable the candle to burn throughout our meeting. To help achieve this, you may submit names to be honored, and these names will be inscribed in the book displayed with the candle. Send your contributions and the names of those persons you wish honored to: SHIRLEY HOFFPAUIR, Rt. 16, Box 1549, Lake Charles, LA 70605. Please send your contributions before September 1, 1988. Indicate the appropriate section of the book for the names to appear: past, present, or future. Let us all join together in keeping the candle burning throughout the entire 1988 Annual Meeting.

HOUSING INFORMATION

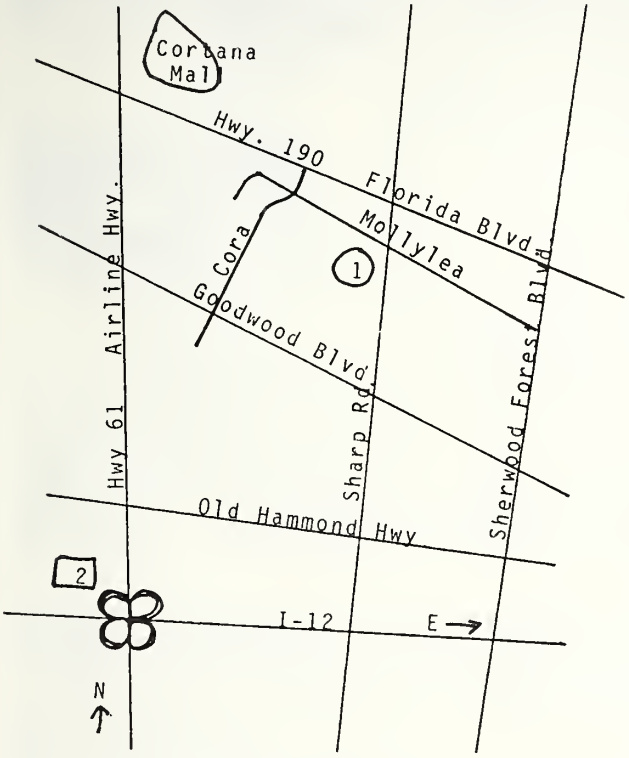
MOTEL: Holiday Inn South
9940 Airline Highway
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (504) 924-7021

ROOM RATES: $44.00 plus 9% tax

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: September 1

TELL THE RESERVATIONIST THAT YOU ARE WITH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!



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(Corner Mollylea & Sharp)

[2] = Holiday Inn South
(Airline Highway Service Road)

VIDEO TOUR OF LOUISIANA MISSION PROJECTS

Have you ever visited St. Mark's, or Dulac Community Center, or MacDonell? Well, you will get a chance this year at Annual Meeting--via video tape, thanks to the able assistance of Rev. Bob Bowling, an associate minister at Broadmoor (Baton Rouge).

Rev. Carolyn Brannon, Dulac Community Center; Mr. Jerry Bridges, MacDonell Children's Services; and Mr. James Seymour, St. Mark's Community Center, will personally conduct us through their respective facilities, providing up-to-the-minute information as well as the outlook for the future of their agencies.

These projects are dear to the hearts of Louisiana United Methodist Women, and since many of our members live too far away to make a mission tour possible, we look forward to having the "mission tour" brought to us!

PROGRAM

"ALL ONE IN CHRIST"

Friday, September 16, 1988 — 12:55 P.M., Sanctuary

Organ Prelude . . . . . Dona Lusted
The Processional
Convening of 1988 Annual Meeting . . . . . Janelle McCammon
Welcome . . . . . Alice Irving
Dr. Kenneth Reed
Frances Pearce
Opening Worship . . . . . Rev. Ellen Montegudo
Lighting of Mission Candle . . . . . Alma Beth Clark
Presentation of Program . . . . . Alice Story and Lou Alexander
Assisted by
Broadmoor Women's Ensemble
The President's Message . . . . . Janelle McCammon
Anthem . . . . . "Celebrate the Good News"
Broadmoor Women's Ensemble
Introduction of Speaker . . . . . Janelle McCammon
Address . . . . . Edith Ming
Appointment of Committees . . . . . Janelle McCammon
Recommendation from Executive Committee . . . . . Sally Turner
Report of Treasurer
Presentation and Adoption of Budget . . . . . Judy Rountree
BREAK
Theme Hymn No. 21 . . . . . "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"
Report on Membership . . . . . Pat Cobb
Report of Committee on Nominations . . . . . Willie Kimbrough
Election of Conference Officers
Introduction of Speaker . . . . . Lou Alexander
Address . . . . . Margaret Browder
Video Tour of Louisiana Projects . . . . . Alice Story
BREAK
INTEREST GROUPS

Friday Evening, 5:45 P.M., Broadmoor Gymnasium

Dinner
Blessing . . . . . Rev. Debra Drash
Introduction of Special Guests . . . . . Janelle McCammon
Special Acknowledgements . . . . . Alice Story
Entertainment . . . . . Broadmoor Women's Ensemble

Friday Evening, 6:45 P.M., Sanctuary

Organ Prelude . . . . . Alice Story
Hymn No. 192 . . . . . "In Christ There Is No East or West"
Introduction of Speaker . . . . . Betty Ferrington
Address - "All One in Christ" . . . . . Betty Gordon
Benediction . . . . . Rev. Kathy Schaffhauser

Saturday, September 17, 1988, 7:30 A.M., Gymnasium

Coffee and Donuts

Saturday Morning, 8:30 A.M., Sanctuary

Organ Prelude . . . . . Alice Story
UMW Sings . . . . . Judy Zollinger
Theme Hymn No. 21 . . . . . "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"
Morning Devotional . . . . . Rev. Carol Susan Winn
Pledge Service . . . . . Judy Rountree and Barbara Woods
Report of Registration . . . . . Sandy Ainsworth
Special Mission Recognition . . . . . Janelle McCammon
About the Offering . . . . . Barbara Woods
Offertory
Honoring of Retiring Officers . . . . . Marilyn Ray
Installation of New Conference Officers . . . . . Betty Gordon
Invitation to 1989 Annual Meeting
BREAK
Service of Holy Communion . . . . . Dr. Kenneth Reed
Rev. James Spitzkeit
Rev. Bob Bowling
Benediction . . . . . Dr. Kenneth Reed
Postlude . . . . . Alice Story

Program

Betty Gordon

Keynote speaker for the 1988 Annual Meeting will be Betty Gordon, a Vice President of the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church. She is serving her second quadrennium as a director of the General Board of Global Ministries and she chairs the Committee on Ecumenical Relations. At present, Betty is also serving as Treasurer of the North America Area, W.F.M.W.

Through the United Methodist Women, Betty has served as President of the West Virginia Conference, Christian Mission, and on the Northeastern Core Planning Group.

Betty has been a delegate to the General and the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conferences and is active in the West Virginia Annual Conference.

She was educated at Winthrop College, graduated from the F.A. School of Fine Arts, and received a BA degree from Bluefield State College. Personal fulfillment for Betty comes from reading, fashion sewing, and painting in the Sumi technique.

Serving Jesus Christ through the United Methodist Church, she has experienced cultures in countries of the world. Being with women, where they are, has brought enrichment and a deeper commitment to mission.

A native of South Carolina, Betty now lives in Bluefield, West Virginia, with her husband, Will, who is an Associate Professor at Bluefield College. She is the mother of two sons.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Godon to Louisiana and to our Annual Meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS TO HIGHLIGHT ECUMENICAL TIES

Edith Ming, President of the World Federation of Methodist Women, will be a special guest at the 1988 Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge. A resident of New Orleans, Mrs. Ming is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Her husband, Donald George Kenneth Ming, is Bishop of the Louisiana area of the AME Church.

We will also be welcoming Margaret Browder to our meeting. Mrs. Browder, a resident of Baton Rouge, is the regional representative to Church Women United. She will address our members during the Friday afternoon session, and will share leadership of an interest group with Mrs. Ming later that same day. This will give our members an opportunity to participate in a more in-depth look at WFMW and CWU through this small group conversation with officers in these ecumenical organizations.

We are indeed fortunate to have Mrs. Ming and Mrs. Browder as our special guests for this annual meeting as we focus on our strong ecumenical relationships and our close ties to these two fine organizations in which so many of our members actively participate.

Judy Zollinger
and
Wayne Millet
Music Directors

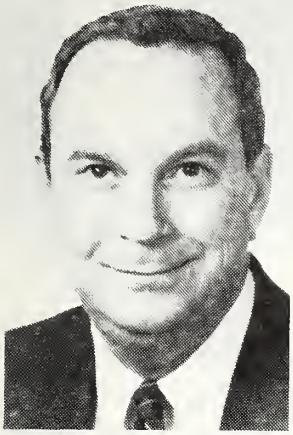
This very special duet, Wayne Millet and Judy Zollinger, will team up to direct the music for the 1988 Annual Meeting.

Mr. Millet, Minister of Music at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, will conduct the Women's Ensemble as they participate in the Opening Session Friday afternoon and again at the banquet that evening. Wayne will also lead the interest group billed as "A Sneak Preview of the New Hymnal."

Mrs. Zollinger will lead us as we sing together during our meeting and will also lead us into our worship experiences as she sings for us. A member of the host unit at Broadmoor, she serves as Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood.

As a volunteer in the music program at Broadmoor, Judy directs the choir of four year olds, "The Merry Music Makers."

Personnel



Dr. William Bryant Oden

The United Methodist Women join with all the Louisiana Conference in welcoming our newly elected Bishop - William Bryant Oden. Bishop Oden was recently assigned to the Louisiana Area and will assume leadership here September 1. He was elected to the Episcopacy at the South Central Jurisdictional Meeting in New Orleans. A native of McAllen, Texas, he grew up in Shawnee, Oklahoma, graduating from Oklahoma State University. He then received his Master of Divinity Degree from Harvard and Doctor of Theology Degree from Boston University.

He has been a delegate to four General Conferences and six Jurisdictional Conferences, leading his delegation to the '84 and '88 conferences. For the last two quadrenniums, he has been a member of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Bishop Oden has authored several books; has been a much sought after teacher, speaker and lecturer.

He is married to Marilyn Brown Oden and they have four grown children.

The whole Conference welcomes the Odens to our state and we are delighted that they will be with us at our Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge.

INTEREST GROUPS ADD "INTEREST" TO ANNUAL MEETING

The 1988 Annual Meeting Task Force has returned to a format used successfully in previous years: dividing into smaller groups to focus on topics that are of interest to our members, but which cannot be incorporated into the general meeting schedule because of the strict time limitations.

A wide variety ot topics and issues will be offered this year, ranging from "Enriching Your Prayer Life" to "Managing Your Money." Great care was given to the selection of the subjects and to the speakers or leaders, striving to present "something for everyone."

Surely one of the most timely and popular groups will be the "sneak preview" of our new hymnal since we have all followed with great interest its difficult birth! The hymnal will not be available until the fall of 1989, but Cokesbury Publishing House is making available a wide selection of previewing materials including a "sampler" of the hymnal itself.

See the Registration Form for a complete list of interest groups. Be sure to indicate your preference, and send your registration form in early to have a better chance of getting in the group of your choice.

Dr. Kenneth Reed
Host Minister

HOST MINISTER TO SERVE AS CELEBRANT

Dr. Kenneth Reed, senior minister at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, will serve as celebrant for the service of Holy Communion at the 1988 Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women.

Now beginning his fifth year at Broadmoor, Reed served pastorates in Lake Charles and Shreveport before coming to Baton Rouge as District Superintendent of the Baton Rouge-Hammond District. Prior to coming into the Louisiana Conference, he served several churches in the Central Texas Conference.

A 30-year veteran of the Army Reserve, Dr. Reed holds the rank of full Colonel. During his tenure in the military service he was honored and decorated many times, the latest commendation being the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service.

Dr. Reed is a graduate of Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas; of Perkins School of Theology (SMU); and of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, from which he received the Doctor of Ministry degree in 1982.

We are pleased that Dr. Reed will conduct the Service of Holy Communion and bring the Communion Meditation.

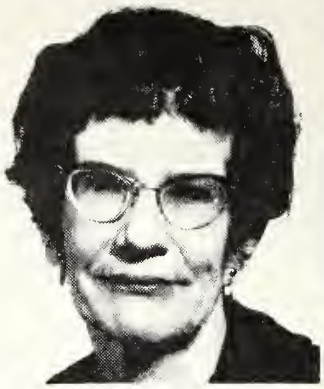
Louisiana Women Elected to General Boards of Church

Mrs. Amy Ward

Mrs. Amy Ward was elected to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Amy is completing eight years of service on the General Board of Global Ministries where she served as Vice President of the Health and Welfare Ministries division. She is a past President of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women and was a delegate to the last three General and Jurisdictional Conferences, having led the lay delegation in 1980.

Mrs. Dorothy Taylor

Dorothy Mae Taylor, of New Orleans, was elected to serve on the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. Mrs. Taylor, a Councilwoman in New Orleans, is very active in community and church work. Through her office, she was instrumental in securing a grant for Peoples Community Center in New Orleans. She was a delegate to the 1988 Jurisdictional Conference and an alternate to the '84 and '88 General Conferences. She serves in local, district and conference level positions of the church.



Dr. Hilda Arndt

Dr. Hilda Arndt of University United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, has been nominated for membership on the National Council of Churches. She has served as lay leader, administrative board chairperson and lay delegate for her local church. She is active in community work, serving as President of Operation Hope and a member of Family Counseling Services and Urban Ministries. She is a retired professor of the L.S.U. School of Social Work.

Dr. Nancy Carruth

Dr. Nancy M. Carruth was elected to the General Council on Finance and Administration. She has recently completed eight years on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, serving as President of the Division of Higher Education the last four. She was a delegate to the last three General and Jurisdictional Conferences, leading the lay delegation for the last two.

PLEDGE TIME

It is not too soon for you to be prayerfully considering your Pledge to Mission for 1989. The Conference Finance Committee has met and taken a giant leap in faith. We will recommend that Louisiana Conference raise the Pledge to Mission to $300,000 for 1989. This $50,000 increase represents our commitment to increasing pledge funds to $24M by 1990.

You have not been asked to raise your pledge by the Conference in four years. Those of you who have been able have done this without being asked. For 1989, we humbly ask that each unit raise their pledge by 10% over that paid in 1988. Each local woman is asked to raise hers by the price of a new pair of shoes or the fee for a trip to the beauty parlor.

Additionally, each unit is asked to present one more Special Mission Recognition Pin than last year. In 1987, 182 units did not present one pin. Won't these 182 units give at least one pin this year?

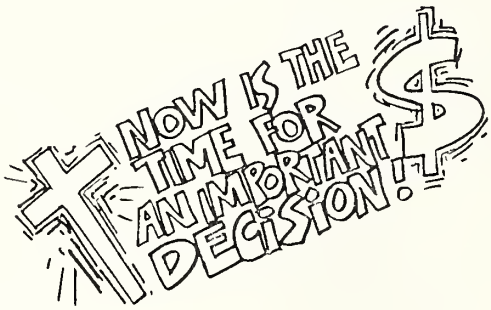
Is your unit participating in the World Thank Offering? Be sure to use the "31-derful Ways to Say Thanks" enclosed in your newsletter. Reproduce it for all members of your unit. If you cannot participate monetarily--be with us in Bible Study and prayer through the month of October. In 1987, 204 units did not use this channel of giving. An attitude of gratitude to thank God for His graces blesses you and the recipients of this fund.

Surely you have all seen the new Gift to Mission Cards available through your district treasurer. Each unit needs to order these to have on hand for those occasions when a little something special is needed. Remember this $5 gift card reaches around the world. To date, 452 Gift to Mission cards have been ordered by our units. When you make your budget for 1989, include $50 to order 10 cards. As a local woman needs a Gift to Mission card, she can buy it from the unit instead of having to order it.

If we each raise our pledge and use the "love" channels of Special Mission Recognition Pin, Gift to Mission cards and World Thank-Offering as well as the beautiful Gift in Memory cards, we can increase the conference pledge to mission more than $50,000 in 1988.

With prayers and our efforts combined in the name of Jesus Christ for mission, how can we do less?

Judith Rountree, Conference Treasurer



(L-R) Pat Lee and Alice Story
Members of Task Group
Betty Ferrington, Conference Vice President

JUST A REMINDER

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

October 1 Baton Rouge-Lafayette Dist.
First U.M.C. - Lafayette

October 1 Lake Charles District
First U.M.C. - DeQuincy

October 1 Monroe District
Faith U.M.C. - West Monroe

October 1 New Orleans-Slidell Dist.
First U.M.C. - Slidell

October 1 Ruston District
First U.M.C. - Arcadia

October 8 Alexandria District
Nolley Memorial U.M.C.
Jena

October 8 Baton Rouge-Hammond Dist.
Roberts U.M.C. -
Denham Springs

October 8 New Orleans-Houma Dist.
First Street U.M.C. -
New Orleans

October 8 Shreveport District
Love Chapel U.M.C. -
Haughton

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING
October 15 First U.M.C.-Pineville
Sally Turner and Wilma Crosby
Co-Chairpersons

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
January 22, 1989
To be observed in churches ALL over Louisiana

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 1989

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CONFERENCE RETREAT
March 17-19, 1989
Methodist Seashore Assembly
Biloxi, Mississippi
Helen Bailey Johnson, Chairperson

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION
July 18-21, 1989 — July 21-23, 1989
Centenary College, Shreveport, La.
Taylor Plillips, Dean

Registration Fee: $5.00 (Includes cost of insurance from time of departure for the meeting until return home, registration packet, and a small part of the expenses of the meeting.)

BANQUET: Friday evening, Sept. 16
5:45 P.M.
Broadmoor U.M.C.
Ticket: $7.50 each

Deadline for purchasing ticket: Sept. 1

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW

REGISTRATION FORM
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

September 16-17, 1988
BROADMOOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10203 Mollylea Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
(504) 924-6269

Send registration form and check to:
Mrs. Sandy Ainsworth
3552 Bahin Court
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816

Name_____

Address _____.

_____Phone_____

Check all that apply:
____Conference Office - Specify_____
____Conference Executive Committee_____
____District Officer - Specify_____
____Local Unit Representative
____Former Conference President or Guild Secretary
____Guest
_____Voting _____Non-voting

Church_____

City_____

Number in Local Unit_____District_____

Address during meeting_____

FRIDAY AFTERNOON INTEREST GROUPS

(Please indicate your preference by numbering the following topics 1 through 11.)

____ENRICHING YOUR PRAYER LIFE
____A "SNEAK PREVIEW" OF OUR NEW HYMNAL
____STEWARDSHIP AND THE ENVIRONMENT
____VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION
____CLOSE-UP ON WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN AND CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
____STRESS: HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?
____THE WOMAN AND HER MONEY
____SELF-MOTIVATION: "FREE TO BE"
____PEOPLE WORKING FOR PEACE
____MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY: VOLUNTEERISM
____PARENTING: WALKING THE BALANCE BEAM

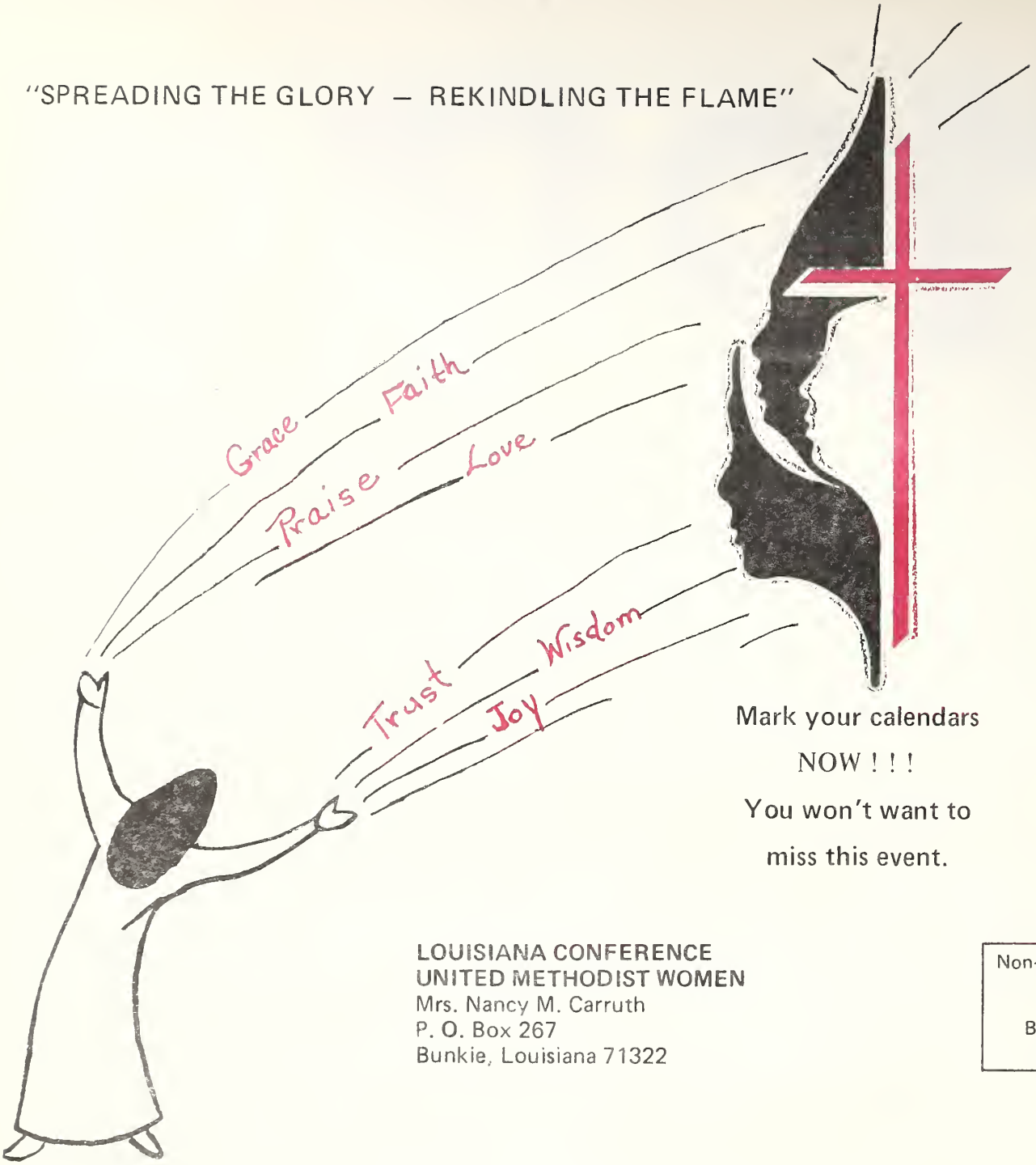
(Assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis with every effort being made to honor your request.)

STOP! ! ! HAVE YOU: 1) Enclosed your check ($5.00 for registration alone or $12.50 for registration and banquet ticket.)

2) Checked your preference for Interest Group?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

"SPREADING THE GLORY — REKINDLING THE FLAME"



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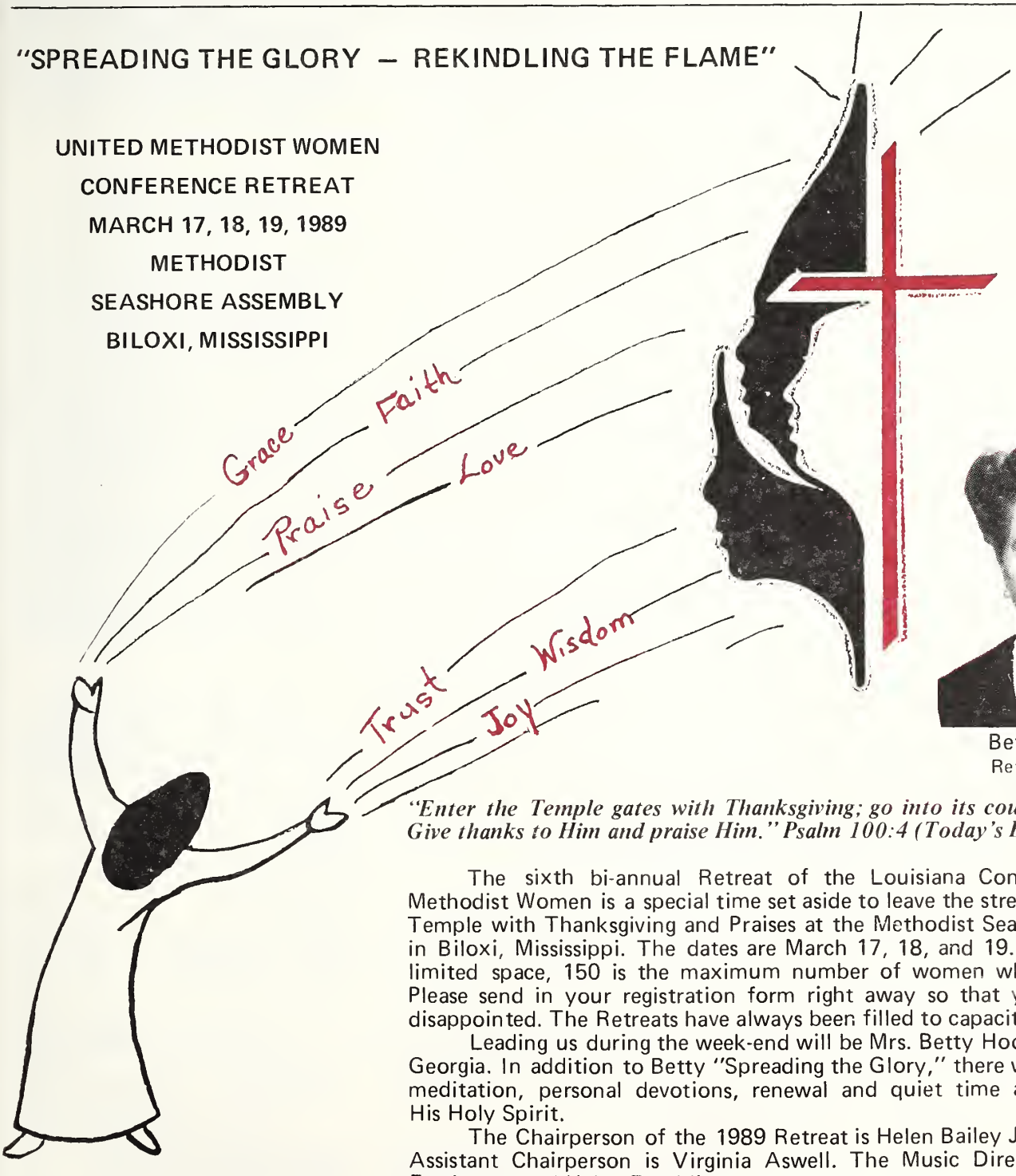


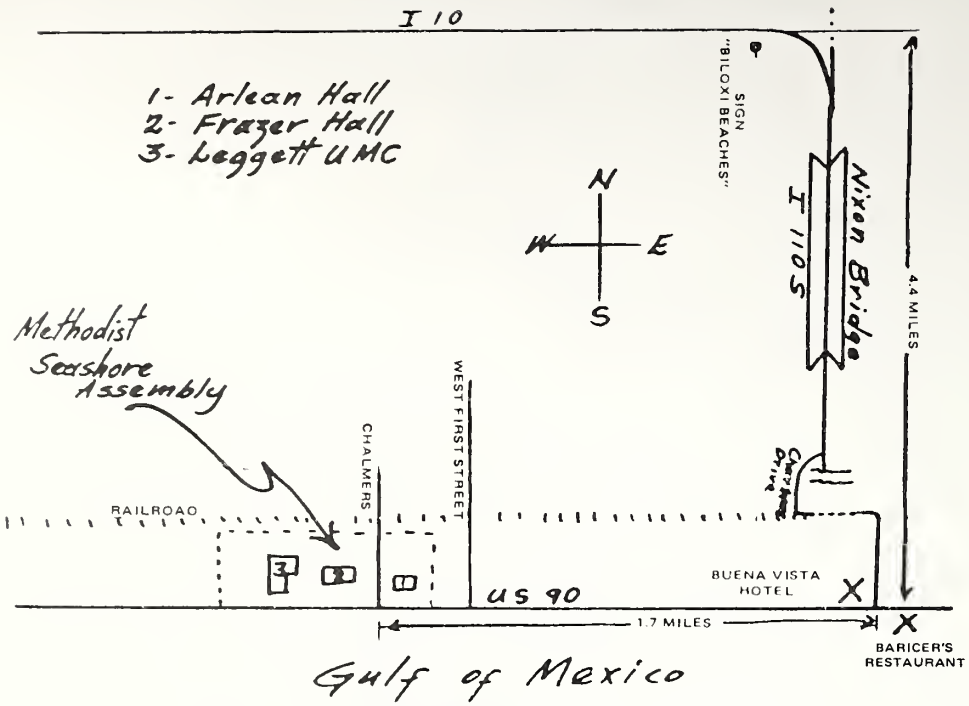
Betty Hodges
Retreat Leader

"Enter the Temple gates with Thanksgiving; go into its courts with Praise. Give thanks to Him and praise Him." Psalm 100:4 (Today's English Version)

The sixth bi-annual Retreat of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women is a special time set aside to leave the stress and enter the Temple with Thanksgiving and Praises at the Methodist Seashore Assembly in Biloxi, Mississippi. The dates are March 17, 18, and 19. Because of the limited space, 150 is the maximum number of women who may attend. Please send in your registration form right away so that you will not be disappointed. The Retreats have always been filled to capacity.

Leading us during the week-end will be Mrs. Betty Hodges of Decatur, Georgia. In addition to Betty "Spreading the Glory," there will be times for meditation, personal devotions, renewal and quiet time as we welcome His Holy Spirit.

The Chairperson of the 1989 Retreat is Helen Bailey Johnson and the Assistant Chairperson is Virginia Aswell. The Music Directors are Betty Ferrington and Helen Franklin.



GENERAL INFORMATION

THE METHODIST ASSEMBLY GROUNDS are made available to us by the Mississippi Conferences of the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women and Leggett Memorial United Methodist Church.

Linens are provided in the motel-type rooms. You may wish to bring your own pillow and something to sit upon out of doors. Comfortable clothes and walking shoes are a must. A flashlight would be helpful going to and fro in the evening.

ALL RETREATANTS are expected to stay on the Assembly Grounds and participate in the entire retreat. Please plan to eat all meals in the cafeteria and do not plan any other activities during the scheduled time.

You will want to bring your Bible, notebook and a copy of Sisters and Brothers Sing, if you have one.

UPON ARRIVAL check in at the lounge in Arlean Hall, the red brick building on the right. You will be expected between 3:00 and 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 17th, and will receive your material, schedules, and room assignment at that time.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
Arlean Hall - phone number is (601) 432-1761

FLASH! FLASH! VOICES NEEDED

Are you a member of a choir? Have you a desire to join a singing group, but never found the time? Now is your chance! Meet the Music Directors, Betty Ferrington and Helen Franklin on Friday evening, 5:00 P.M. in Leggett Memorial Chapel.

Praise the Lord! Sing a new song to the Lord; praise him in the assembly of his faithful people! *Psalm 149:1*

TRAVEL INFORMATION

We suggest that you take the most direct route from your location to the junction of Interstate Highways 10, 12 and 59, just northeast of Slidell. At that junction, take I-10 east toward Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Stay on I-10 East past Gulfport. Take the I-110 South Exit to the right. This exit is marked Biloxi Beaches, Keesler Air Force Base. Continue south 4.4 miles until you reach the Coast Road - Highway 90. At that junction turn right and proceed west for 1.7 miles. On the right at Chalmers Street is Methodist Seashore Assembly.

PERSONAL RETREAT INFORMATION

Whether you will be physically present at the Assembly Grounds or participating at home, you will want to prepare yourself for the week-end experience. If at all possible, some of the participants at home might arrange to meet and share worshipfully at the same time with the women in Biloxi. Special emphasis is given to the verses found in Psalm 100.

At Home Retreatants will receive the same program schedule and literature as those in Biloxi so that all may be together in the Spirit, doing the same things at the same time.

RETREAT TASK GROUP

Helen Bailey Johnson, Chairperson
Virginia Aswell, Ass't. Chairperson
Janelle McCammon
Mary Spell
Betty Ferrington
Helen Franklin
Urselle Lunnon
Mae Calvin
Fannie P. Reddix
Ruby T. Knighten
Lottie Palazzo

RETREAT NURSE

Lois Benjamin

SPECIAL THANKS

Nancy Carruth, Publicity
Mildred Edinburg, Printing

PROPOSED GOALS FOR 1989
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

1. Increase membership to 13,500 by 1990 through:
   a. establishing a unit in every church by 1990
   b. each established unit increase membership by 25% by 1990

2. Increase un-designated giving to $323,000 to fund 220 new mission areas by 1990.
   a. each unit increase pledge by 10%
   b. each member increase pledge by the cost of a pair of shoes or a trip to the beauty shop
   c. all district and conference offerings go un-designated
   d. each unit give one more SMR by 1990 — all units give at least one
   e. World Thank Offering - emphasize "Attitude of Gratitude" throughout the year and use the "31-derful Ways" Campaign in October

3. Create an awareness of the Campaign for Children and initiate a program for the implementation of it in each local unit. (Mission Coordinators)

4. Establish a supportive prayer network in the Conference and District Executive Committees and in each local unit.

   Encourage each local woman to pray for peace daily and each local unit to include a prayer for peace at every UMW gathering. (Christian Personhood)

5. Emphasize program planning and evaluation using UMW Program Resources. (Vice President)

6. Increase participation by the local units in the total program of mission study. (Coordinators for: Christian Global Concerns, Christian Personhood and Christian Social Involvement)

7. Raise the consciousness and solicit response to social issues that affect people on local, state and national levels. (Christian Social Involvement)

8. Publicize the mission activities and accomplishments of United Methodist Women, both as units and individuals. (President, Secretary, Publicity and Public Relations, and Newsletter Editor)

9. Encourage individual participation in the Reading Program and give recognition at District Annual Meeting with certificates from the Conference. (Secretary of Program Resources/Christian Personhood)

10. Utilize the connectional system of UMW through communication among conference, district and local counterparts. (All officers)

Betty Ferrington
Conference Vice President

New Confer

At the postponed and abbreviated Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, held in First United Methodist Church, Pineville, October 15, 1988, new officers were elected and installed. We thought you might like to meet these new officers. Betty Ferrington of Walker, Louisiana, was re-elected to the position of Vice President. Judy Rountree, of Jonesville, completed her four years as Treasurer and was elected Secretary of Financial Interpretation. Georgia Dunbar, of Pineville, was re-elected Coordinator of Christian Social Involvement and Taylor Phillips, of Lake Arthur, re-elected Coordinator of Supportive Community.

New officers are Mary Spell, of Abbeville, Treasurer; Celina Johnson, of New Orleans, Coordinator of Christian Personhood; Hilda Sills, of New Orleans, will serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations and new members of that committee will be Annie Lincoln, of New Orleans, Mary Kay, of Clinton, and Sandra Thomas, of Monroe. Seola Callahan, of Oakdale, was elected Secretary of Publicity-Public Relations.

Seola Callahan

Seola Porteous Callahan, our newly elected Secretary of Publicity-Public Relations, is married to Lawrence Callahan and they are the parents of three children and five grandchildren. They reside in Oakdale and she was church secretary for many years. She is presently a legal secretary, bookkeeper, court reporter, notary public and, along with her daughter, operates a computor consulting firm. Seola has held numerous offices in the church and is presently her local church and U.M.W. Treasurer; Chairperson of the District Council on Ministries; Secretary for the Conference Council on Ministries and Board of Laity. All this in addition to her new Conference Office for U.M.W. She is a certified lay speaker in the church and her hobbies include sewing and teaching swimming to older adults.

Celina Johnson

Celina T. Johnson has been elected Coordinator of Christian Personhood. She is a member of Peck United Methodist Church of New Orleans. Celina has just completed a term of Vice President of the New Orleans-Houma District and serves as Treasurer of her local unit. She holds numerous positions in the local church and has been her church's delegate to Louisiana Annual Conference for many years. Educated in the public schools of New Orleans, Xavier University and Tulane University, Celina is now retired from the Welfare Department of New Orleans after serving 27 years as Counselor Supervisor. She holds membership in several church and community organizations. She is the mother of two children and two grandchildren.

nce Officers

Mary F. Spell

Our new Conference Treasurer is Mary F. Spell, of Abbeville. She is a member of the Abbeville United Methodist Church and over a period of thirty years, has held every office in the local United Methodist Women. Mary was active in the former Wesleyan Service Guild and held several district offices. For the past three years, she has been Treasurer of the Baton Rouge-Lafayette District. A native of Texas, Mary attended Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville, Texas, where she majored in accounting. She is the mother of two and grandmother of five.

Hilda Doakes Sills

Hilda Doakes Sills is the new Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. She is the widow of the late Nathaniel S. Sills and mother of one daughter, Nathilda F. Sills. She is an active member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church in New Orleans where she serves as Chairperson of Pastor-Parish Relations; Status and Role of Women; Scholarship Committee; and member of the Nominating Committee, Council on Ministries and Administrative Board. She has served in her local unit in several offices including President. In the New Orleans-Houma District, she serves as a Sub-District Chairperson.

Annie B. Lincoln

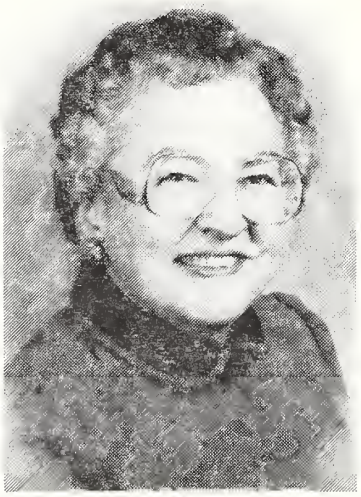
Annie B. Lincoln is a newly elected member of our Conference Nominating Committee. She is a graduate of Moton High School, Orange, Texas, and attended Prairie View A. and M. College and Texas Southern University. Annie graduated from Straight Business College in New Orleans and has a degree in Housing Management from Southern University, New Orleans. She was Administrative Assistant for the New Orleans Housing Authority and also served as Director of the Bethany Day Care Center. Annie is a member of Bethany United Methodist Church and now serves as Chairperson of their Building Fund.

Another new member serving on the Conference Committee on Nominations is Sandra H. Thomas. She is the wife of the Reverend Edward L. Thomas, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bastrop, Louisiana. They have three boys and two girls. Sandra has worked with the United Methodist Women on the local and district level and she says she "is looking forward to years of mission work." Presently, she is also a student at Northeast Louisiana University in the School of Social Work.

We regret that we did not receive a resume from the third new member of the Nominating Committee, but we do welcome Mary M. Kay, of Clinton, Louisiana, to this group.

Our leader for the 1989 Conference Retreat is Mrs. Betty Allen Jackson Hodges of Decatur, Georgia, whom many of you met when she taught in our Conference School of Christian Mission. Mrs. Hodges is most talented and has been a retreat leader and instructor in nine states and guest lecturer at Candler School of Theology, Duke Seminary, and Asbury Seminary. In addition to many years of dedicated service to Christ, she was Lay Delegate to both the 1984 and 1988 General Conferences. Betty is also the author of study manuals in biblical works for use in the local churches. She attended the University of Alabama and graduated from Auburn University. She is the widow of Rev. Judson B. Hodges, Sr. and mother of three sons. Betty says, "My love and devotion to God is most significantly manifested in this great church. I love it in concept and practice. I desire its greatness in its doctrine and witness with all my heart."

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

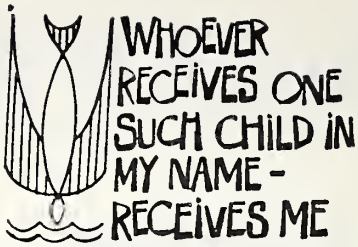


Congratulations to all members of United Methodist Women in the state of Louisiana! You have done it again! You have answered the call to mission in a wonderful way by giving $275,584.03 to undirected pledge in 1988. Every district paid its pledge in full and most overpaid by substantial amounts. This is so exciting, because an increase in giving is a clear indication of an increase in concern and commitment. Our giving is exciting, too, because this means new life and hope for thousands, especially women and children. Your gifts are not "just money" but are means of providing necessities such as food, clothing, and shelter plus evangelistic ministries, health care, educational opportunities, job training, community centers, children's homes, youth work, efforts toward peace and justice in the United States and throughout the world. All of you have made this possible!

Judy Rountree, our Conference Treasurer, also reports that our World Thank Offering for 1988 is $20,794.73. Wonderful! And you have honored those in your local units and district organizations by Special Membership Recognitions in the amount of $17,000. Fantastic!

Judy is ending her four years as Conference Treasurer on January 1. She has been an outstanding treasurer who has worked tirelessly, efficiently, and with total dedication to increase our vision and understanding and to make us aware of our opportunities for service through our giving. We are most grateful to her, to our district treasurers, financial interpreters, and many, many others who have made possible the splendid achievements of the past four years.

It is important to remember that nothing would be possible without you, the local women in mission. In this new year, let us commit ourselves anew to increasing membership, continuing our growth in giving, involving ourselves in the Campaign for Children and those other issues that need our influence and concern. Let us study together and pray together that God will continue to use each of us in the way that we can best serve Him. Let us reach out to others and encourage them to share the joy of membership in United Methodist Women as, together, we grow in spirit and in service. I pray God's blessings on each of you in all that you do.



Children -- Blessings from Above

Surely, one of the greatest blessings to any generation is its children. Children represent hope for the future, building from dreams of the present and past. We read and hear daily of the dangers facing this generation of children. We as United Methodist Women have always been advocates for our children.

During 1989 to 1992 our new supplementary giving emphasis will follow the theme "Hope and Wholeness for Children and Youth," centering around the needs of children and youth between the ages of eight and 18. Emphasis will be placed on health concerns, informal education, spiritual well-being, care-taking concerns and young people in crisis. You may read more about this in "Response", October 1988, page 29.

"Building a New World Through Ministries with Children and Youth" is the theme of the 1989 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. The goals are to provide direct services to and promote advocacy for the needs of young people. Each local unit should have a packet of materials for Call to Prayer. If your unit has not received these materials, please contact Service Center.

Judy Rountree
Secretary
for Financial Interpretation

REGISTRATION AND HOUSING FORM
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
1989 RETREAT
MARCH 17, 18 and 19
Methodist Seashore Assembly, Biloxi, Mississippi

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Address_____

City_____Zip_____

Phone No. ( )_____

Church_____

City_____

District_____

_____First Floor Accomodations needed

_____Retreat Fee - Check enclosed for $55.00 made payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

Names of roommates requested (Check with them first!)

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_____Check here if joining the music group

RETREAT REGISTRATION AND HOUSING INFORMATION

To register for the 1989 Retreat, fill in the form on the left, clip and mail along with your check for $55.00 to:

Virginia Aswell
2641 Hudson Place
New Orleans, Louisiana 70131

The $55.00 you send will be for two nights lodging, five meals in the cafeteria (Friday night supper through Sunday breakfast), retreat material, travel insurance and a share in the overall expenses.

ALL RETREATANTS are expected to stay on the Assembly Grounds. There are no accomodations for men. Rooms will be assigned as registrations are received. A waiting list will be kept if necessary and you will be notified. Substitutions may be made, but there will be **NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 13.**

Rooms for four persons share two beds and one bath. Rooms for three have three beds, but share the bath with another room of three. Select accordingly.

Indicate if first floor accomodations are needed, realizing that numerous requests may necessitate separating roommates.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR AT HOME RETREATANTS ONLY

Name_____

Address_____

City_____Zip_____

_____At Home Fee - Check enclosed for $2.50 made payable to Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

AT HOME RETREATANTS INFORMATION

If you wish to participate at home, fill in the form to the left and mail, along with your $2.50 to:

Helen Bailey Johnson
1001 Grefer Avenue
Harvey, Louisiana 70058

Mail in time to reach Helen before March 10. Material and instructions will be mailed to you.

Coming Events

MID–YEAR
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 10-11

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TREASURER'S REPORT

CONGRATULATIONS! You have sent a $278,046.91 Pledge to Mission for 1988. This overpaid our conference pledge by $28,046.91. Each district reached the pledged amount for the first time in four years. For 1989 our Louisiana pledge funds will support 5 days, 7 hours, 4 minutes and 6¾ seconds. Let's challenge ourselves to support a full week of mission by 1990!

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July 18 - 21 and July 21 - 23

"From Struggle to Hope: Songs for Our Times"

The Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission gives local women the opportunity for leadership development. The theme for this year is "From Struggle to Hope: Songs for Our Times." We are challenged to listen to the songs and stories of people struggling to live.

We have secured an outstanding staff of study group leaders. The Psalms will be taught to the entire school by Rev. Charles Armour. The faculty members for the study on "The Philippines" are: Mrs. Gloria Bennett, Rev. Ray Holt, and Mrs. Donna Paustain. "The World of Islam" will be led by Rev. Ester Hammond, Rev. Freddie Dixon, Jr., and Rev. George Needham.

We would like to have a representative from each local unit. For members of United Methodist Women, the emphases of the School of Christian Mission are two-fold: (1) the global mission of the Church and the responsibility of Christians within it, and (2) the training of leadership and membership for promotion and interpretation of the Purpose and total program of UMW.

Make plans NOW to attend one of the two sessions. Remember, if you are pre-registered (the form is in this Newsletter) you are insured on your travel from home to school and back.

Scholarships are available from the Conference United Methodist Women, as well as from some of the districts. Contact your district president or conference membership chairperson, Pat Cobb, for details.

Arrive early enough to register and settle in before the opening meal - lunch at 12:00 noon on Tuesday for School I, or Friday at 5:45 for supper for School II. Those attending for the first time will want to arrive in time to attend the Orientation scheduled for each school. See the detailed schedule elsewhere in this Newsletter for time and place.

Seola Callahan and Emily Wiley have a great night of fellowship planned for you. Norma and I look forward to seeing you at Centenary College in July. Join us for a high mountain top experience in learning and fellowship.

Taylor Phillips
Dean of 1989 School

Taylor Phillips, Dean
Norma Winegeart, Assistant Dean

From Struggle to Hope: Songs for Our Time

How do we sing new songs in old lands?
How do we sing old songs in new lands?

Myths cloud our understanding of world neighbors blocking channels for dialogue. Our faith challenges us to listen to the songs and stories that emerge from the traditions of people who struggle to live. The songs of the ancient Hebrews bring fresh understanding of what it means to live faithfully and joyfully amidst a world in conflict. God's faithful response to this hope calls us to sing new songs for our time.

THE PSALMS IN WORSHIP

By becoming more aware of the many ways the Psalms and other ancient songs offer us rich resources for expressing our love of God and for calling on God for help, we can expand our own ability to pray and offer praise. This study should advance our understanding of the content of the ancient songs of Israel as well as the nature of the work of the musicians and poets who composed them. Through increased understanding of the songs as they were used in ancient Israel, we may be able to hear more clearly the message of God's glory in our contemporary acts of worship.

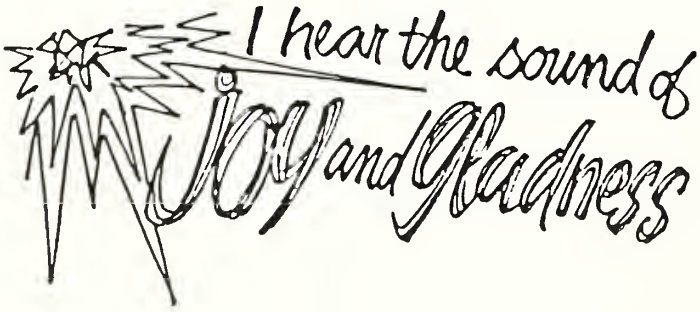
THE PHILIPPINES

The purpose of this study is to involve North American Christians in a process of study and discovery which will lead to:

- a deeper understanding of the Filipino people and the critical issues facing them today;
- recognition of our own involvement in Philippine history; and
- an informed, introspective and faithful response which relates the struggles and hopes in their land and in our land, and demonstrates solidarity with them.

THE WORLD OF ISLAM

This study will provide an opportunity for North American Christians to develop a better understanding of the Muslim faith and the World of Islam, and to open channels for dialogue between Christians and Muslims.



HOUSING – MEALS – COST

Housing for everyone attending the Schools of Christian Mission will be in the James Dormitory on the Centenary College Campus. Please fill in the information requested on the Housing Form which will be sent in with your registration. Check with the person you list as your choice for a roommate. All rooms have two single beds with an adjoining room and bath to complete the suite.

BRING bed linens, pillow, BLANKET, towels, etc. Dormitories and classrooms are air-conditioned and often cold. . .so do bring the BLANKET and a SWEATER. Bring walking shoes and come prepared for rain.

If you have special needs because of health problems, please note this on your registration form. There are a limited number of first floor rooms and special diets are not available.

All who stay on campus are expected to purchase a meal ticket and eat on campus. Local persons attending during the day may eat in the cafeteria and pay as they go through the line. The week-day school will include lunch on Tuesday through breakfast on Friday. The week-end school meals will begin with supper on Friday and end with breakfast on Sunday.

Anyone not on the School Committee or Conference Executive Committee who comes early shall pay $10 per night for the dormitory room and pay for extra meals in the cafeteria.

WEEK-DAY SCHOOL

Meals . . . . . $31.50 (9 meals)
Housing. . . . . $30.00 (3 nights)

WEEK-END SCHOOL

Meals . . . . . $17.50 (5 meals)
Housing. . . . $20.00 (2 nights)

Your address on campus will be:
James Dormitory
P. O. Box 41188
Shreveport, Louisiana 71134-1188

Telephone number in James Dormitory:
318/869-5313

SCHEDULE ~ SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

WEEKDAY SCHOOL

Tuesday, July 18 School I

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.	Registration, Resource Room open
11:30 - 12:00 Noon	First Timer Orientation in Learning Center
12:00 - 12:45 P.M.	Lunch
12:50 - 2:15 P.M.	Opening Plenary, Kilpatrick Auditorium, Smith Building
2:30 - 5:00 P.M.	Classes
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 8:30 P.M.	Psalms
8:45 - 8:55 P.M.	Greet the Stars in the Rose Garden (near Hamilton Hall)

Wednesday, July 19

7:10 - 7:20 A.M.	Pillow Thoughts Meditations in dormitory rooms
7:30 - 8:15 A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 A.M.	Officer Up-date (something for everyone)
9:45 - 10:15 A.M.	Morning Worship
10:15 - 11:45 A.M.	Psalms
12:00 - 12:45 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 1:30 P.M.	Rest and Quiet Time
1:45 - 4:15 P.M.	Classes
4:30 - 5:30 P.M.	AV's/Learning Center/Resource Room
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 8:30 P.M.	Psalms
8:45 - 8:55 P.M.	Greet the Stars in the Rose Garden
9:00 -	Fellowship Night, James Dorm

Thursday, July 20

7:10 - 7:20 A.M.	Pillow Thoughts Meditations
7:30 - 8:15 A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 A.M.	Sampler Classes
9:45 - 10:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
10:00 - 10:30 A.M.	Plenary, Kilpatrick Auditorium Smith Building
10:45 - 11:45 A.M.	Psalms
12:00 - 12:45 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 1:30 P.M.	Rest and Quiet Time
1:45 - 4:15 P.M.	Classes
4:30 - 5:30 P.M.	AV's/Learning Center/Resource Room
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 8:30 P.M.	Psalms
8:45 - 8:55 P.M.	Greet the Stars in the Rose Garden
9:00 -	Evaluation by School Committee Staff, Study Group Leaders

Friday, July 21

7:10 - 7:20 A.M.	Pillow Thoughts Meditations
7:30 - 8:15 A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 A.M.	Classes
9:45 - 11:00 A.M.	Psalms
11:15 -	Announcements Closing Worship, including offering

WEEKEND SCHOOL

Friday, July 21 School II

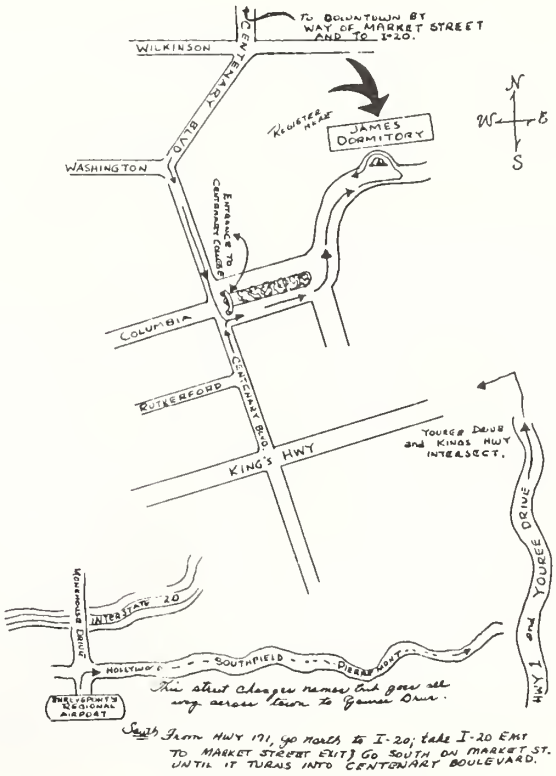
2:00 - 5:30 P.M.	Registration, Resource Room open
5:15 - 5:45 P.M.	First Timer Orientation in Learning Center
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 7:50 P.M.	Plenary, Kilpatrick Auditorium Smith Building
8:00 - 9:30 P.M.	Psalms
9:45 - 9:55 P.M.	Greet the Stars in the Rose Garden (near Hamilton Hall)

Saturday, July 22

7:10 - 7:20 A.M.	Pillow Thoughts Meditations
7:30 - 8:00 A.M.	Breakfast
8:15 - 10:45 A.M.	Classes
11:00 - 11:45 A.M.	AV's/Learning Center/Resource Room
12:00 - 12:45 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 1:20 P.M.	Rest and Quiet Time
1:30 - 2:30 P.M.	Officer Up-Date (something for everyone)
2:45 - 5:00 P.M.	Classes
5:15 - 5:45 P.M.	AV's/Learning Center
5:45 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 8:45 P.M.	Psalms
8:50 - 9:00 P.M.	Greet the Stars in the Rose Garden
9:00 -	Fellowship Night, James Dorm Lounge

Sunday, July 23

7:10 - 7:20 A.M.	Pillow Thoughts Meditations
7:30 - 8:00 A.M.	Breakfast
8:15 - 9:30 A.M.	Classes
9:45 - 11:15 A.M.	Psalms
11:30 -	Announcements Closing Worship, including offering



CENTENARY
COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA

INTRODUCING 1989 SCHOOL O

for: "The Philippines"

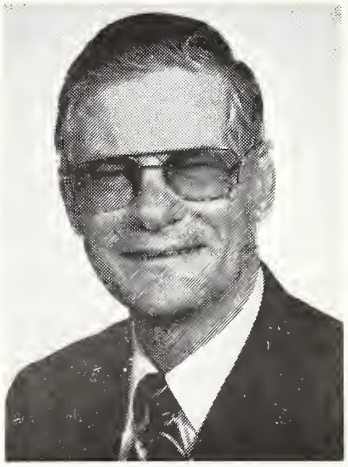
A native of Monroe, Gloria attended Northeast Louisiana University and is a member of the First United Methodist Church. She is a substitute Sunday School teacher, has served on the Board of Trustees and Administrative Board of her church, and is a member of the Monroe District Board of Trustees and Board of Church Locations and Buildings.

Gloria Bennett

She is a former Conference Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Monroe District President and Conference Coordinator of Christian Social Involvement. She has served as the assistant dean of a School of Christian Mission.

Although retired, she has recently returned to work temporarily as a legal assistant with a law firm. She is also active in the Pilot Club, Twin City Ballet and Monroe Little Theatre. She enjoys her pet dog, Chance, reading, music, counted cross-stitch and photography.

From 1964 - 1973, Ray served as a missionary to the Republic of the Philippines. He worked in a variety of appointments there: pastor of Bocaue and Malolos United Methodist Churches, director of Maria Aurora Wesleyan High School, conference missionary of the Middle Philippines Annual Conference, chairman of the Mission Society to the Minorities of Western Luzon, member of the Board of the Ministry of the Middle Philippines Annual Conference and member to the 1972 Central Conference of the Philippines.



M. Ray Holt, Sr.

He is a native of Marthaville and received degrees from Centenary College and Perkins School of Theology, SMU. He has served in several churches in the Central Texas and Louisiana Annual Conferences. He is presently pastor of the Wesley-Hackberry Charge in the Lake Charles District.

Donna comes to us from Arlington, Texas. She is a native of Kansas, but has lived in Texas since 1963. She is married, has two adult sons, and three grandchildren.

She was elected a Director of the Board of Global Ministries and the Women's Division in 1988. She is scheduled to be a study group leader for our West Gulf Regional School in Oklahoma City in June. Donna has been a leader in two other regional schools and nine other conference schools.

Donna Paustian

Donna is a charter member of St. Barnabas United Methodist Church, a certified lay speaker, and is active in other community affairs.

She is a former president of the Ft. Worth East District of UMW, the Church Women United of Arlington; Conference Coordinator of Christian Global Concerns; delegate to 1984 and 1988 Jurisdictional Conferences.

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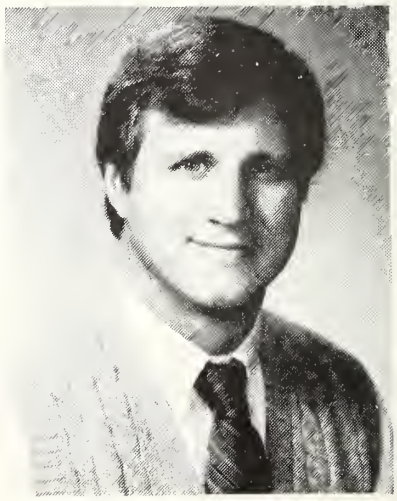


Charles Armour

CHRISTIAN MISSION TEACHERS

for: "The World of Islam"

Freddie Dixon is the pastor of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas, and is an ordained elder of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is married and is the father of two sons.

He received his education at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas, and the Interdenominational Theological Center, Gammon Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia. The Honorary Doctorate Degree was presented to him by Philander Smith College.

Freddie Dixon

He has lived in Austin for a number of years and has been very active in civic affairs there. He has been a field instructor and a summer professor for the Perkins School of Theology, SMU.

Ester L. Hammond, who calls Bogalusa "home", is an elder in the Louisiana Conference currently serving the Church Point-Maxie-Ville Platte Charge in the Lake Charles District.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in history, magna cum laude, from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond and her Master of Theology degree from Perkins School of Theology, SMU.

Ester L. Hammond

She served churches in Louisiana and North Texas before going to Liberia, West Africa, in 1981. She served as a missionary there for six years, teaching at the Gbarnga School of Theology.

Ester is a widow with three married sons, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Her hobbies include playing the piano, needlecraft, and travel.

"Psalms"

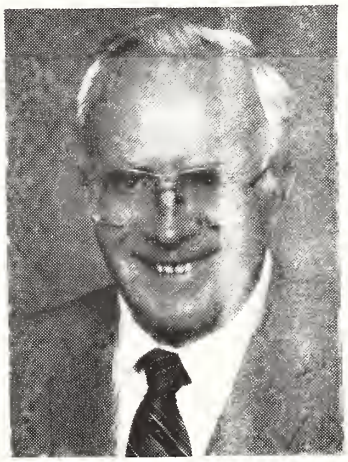
Charles Armour comes to us from Arkansas where he has served as youth director, pastor, chaplain, pastoral counselor, and presently is in private practice in clinical pastoral counseling in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

He is a graduate of State College of Arkansas; received his Master of Divinity from Duke University and his Ph. D. from the University of Arkansas.

He has done much work in the field of mental health and in drug and alcohol counseling.

George is currently in the process of retiring from the Oklahoma Annual Conference and moving to New York City. His wife, Ann, has accepted a position with the Women's Division as Secretary of Nominations and Resource Utilization.

George has twice served as the Dean of the Oklahoma Conference School of Christian Mission and has served as a leader for schools in Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Pennsylvania and Oklahoma.



George L. Needham

He is a native of Ohio and received his early education in music, serving as a minister of music and youth before going on to Perkins School of Theology, SMU, for a Master of Theology degree. He has served in numerous pastorates throughout Oklahoma.

ESTELLE DAMERON
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund, the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women offers scholarships to the 1989 Schools of Christian Mission: School I - July 18-21 and School II - July 21-23. This has been made possible through gifts, special offerings, and the continual budgeting of local units.

The Committee on Membership is encouraging high school girls to apply for a scholarship. Getting women interested in mission at an early age is one way to balance the "greying" of our organization. Please seek out girls in your congregation and urge them to apply.

All applicants for scholarships should indicate a willingness to attend School I or School II and PARTICIPATE FULLY in all activities. They can be young, not-so-young, single, married, employed, student, retired, from a large or small unit, or clergy. Persons other than members of United Methodist Women will be considered.

PLEASE send only one applicant per unit per school (I or II). Applications must be mailed to:

Mrs. Pat Cobb
7117 Memphis Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124
Phone 504/288/6962

SEND APPLICATIONS NO LATER THAN MAY 30, 1989

ESTELLE DAMERON
School of Christian Mission Scholarship
APPLICATION

District_____Unit (name of church)_____

Location_____New_____No. in unit_____

Name of Applicant_____

Address_____Phone_____

City_____Zip_____

Applicant has_____ has not_____ attended a School of Christian Mission before.

Applicant prefers to attend weekday School I ( )
weekend School II ( )

Applicant's age grouping: high school_____

under 35_____ 36-50_____ 51 and above_____

Employed full time_____ part time_____

Retired_____ Student_____ Homemaker_____

Age of children: pre-school_____ school_____

not at home_____

Applicant's choice of study:
The Psalms - everyone participates
The Philippines ( )
The World of Islam ( )

Name of unit president or contact person:

_____

Address_____

City_____Phone_____

To be written by applicant on a separate sheet:
I would like to attend School of Christian Mission because –

MORE ABOUT THE SCHOOLS

– OFFERING–

Our offering for the 1989 Schools of Christian Mission will be sent undesignated, calling to mind all the numerous projects that are on-going in the Philippines, as well as those projects which spread the Good News of the Gospel across the globe. By sending it undesignated we can have a part in ministering to people at home and around the world.

– FELLOWSHIP NIGHT –

Play - Sing - Laugh - Visit

Fellowship Night will be a time for fun and relaxation. An evening to enjoy doing the things you most like to do, with friends you don't often get to see. Bring a favorite game (cards, dominoes, Pictionary, etc.), gather around the piano to make a joyful noise, visit with your friends and enjoy the delicious refreshments prepared by Emily Wiley and her committee. Come and have a great time!

—Seola Callahan

– LEARNING CENTER –

The Learning Center, in the South Cafeteria, is a part of the School of Christian Mission which everyone should be sure to visit. This area will include displays by each District and some Conference officers, in addition to various study helps. Each study for the School will have three different displays, showing how you can introduce the studies in your local unit.

Be sure to visit the Learning Center - come, look and learn!

—Lottie Palazzo

– MEDITATION ROOM –

The Meditation Room will be located in James Dormitory and will be open throughout the schools. You may stop in at any time for a time of quietness and spiritual guidance. Displays will be furnished by the various districts for your convenience, but please do not remove anything from the room. Preparing the room for you will be: New Orleans-Houma, Inez Barnes; Alexandria, Nettie Williams; Baton Rouge-Hammond, Emily Rowan; Lake Charles, Janie Burch; New Orleans-Slidell, Vera Packer; Baton Rouge-Lafayette, —Celina Johnson

– TABLE GRACES –

It has been the custom for a number of years to place prayer cards on each table in the dining hall and you are encouraged to use these for your table grace. Preparing these will be: Monroe, Shirley Wall; Shreveport, Ann Wilson; Lake Charles, Janie Burch; Ruston,-Idell Simms; and New Orleans-Houma, Inez Barnes.

—Celina Johnson

– AUDIO VISUALS –

There are always a variety of audio-visuals that go along with the three studies. These will be under the capable direction of Evelyn Evans.

BASIC TEXTS

Everyone attending the Schools of Christian Mission will attend the study on **The Psalms.** The text for this class will be:
Sing, Shout and Clap for Joy, A Study on the Psalms
by Eunice B. Poethig $1.95

You may choose which of the other two classes you will attend. Be sure to note this on your registration form.

For the study on **The Philippines:**
Rice in the Storm: Faith in Struggle in the Philippines
B. David Williams & Rebecca C. Asedillo, editors. $6.95
Study Guide:
Acting in Faith: A Study Guide on the Philippines
by J. B. Palm and Eunice B. Poethig $4.95

For the study on **The World of Islam: God is One:**
The Way of Islam, by R. M. Speight $5.95
Study Guide: **One God, Two Faiths: When Christians and Muslims Meet. A Study Guide to the World of Islam** by Sarah Klos. . .$4.95

ALL study materials are available through:
Service Center
7820 Reading Road, Caller No. 1800
Cincinnati, Ohio 45222-1800
Or, they may be purchased in the Resource Room at the Schools of Mission.

EXCELLENCE IN STUDY

Last year there were 55 units that received the Excellence of Study Certificate at their Annual Meetings. I hope there will be more this year.

Your District Coordinators of Christian Global Concerns have mailed you an application with all the information. It should be returned to her by June 15th (the 16th is too late for this year's reporting).

You may use any of these studies of the last three years and follow this criteria for Excellence to receive your certificate.

STUDIES

1986 - 87	1987 - 88	1988 - 89
1. Suffering and the Christian Community	1. The Acts of the Apostles	1. Ruth & Esther Women in Alien Lands
2. Crossroads in Southern Asia	2. Peoples and Churches of the U.S.S.R.	2. South Africa's Moment of Truth
3. Technology in Tension with Human Values	3. Toward Health and Wholeness	3. Breach of Promise Portraits of Poverty

CRITERIA FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDY CERTIFICATES

1. Complete any two mission studies.
2. Use of current approved mission study course and text.
3. A capable, responsible committee which makes detailed plans.
4. A leader who is prepared and who can give capable group leadership.
5. A minimum of six hours for the study.
6. Preparation between sessions - reading the text and other assignments.
7. Class members participate - panels, discussion, informal drama, audio-visuals.
8. ACTION growing out of study. (Action means something tangible -- such as: visiting nursing homes, collecting food or clothes, starting a prayer group or sending undesignated money through your District and Conference Treasurer.)

The names of the units receiving certificates will be listed on a display at the School of Missions this year.

There is also a report for the units who take only one study. The criteria for this is the same as the Excellence in Study except for the hours, which are four. All the others are the same. Send This report to your District Coordinator of Global Concerns by June 15.

Please contact your District Coordinator for any other information.

Wilma Crosby, Coordinator for Christian Concerns

REGISTRATION

Registration, Insurance and School costs:
Attending one School. $10.00
Attending both Schools $12.00

Make checks payable to: **Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women** for registration fee only. You will pay for your housing and meals upon arrival at the School.

Send the entire REGISTRATION AND HOUSING FORM with the check to cover your registration fee to:
Mrs. Georgie Dunbar
207 Payne Street
Pineville, Louisiana 71360

Registration fees will be returned if cancelled before July 10th.

REGISTRATION FORM

Louisiana Conference Schools of Christian Mission
Centenary College - Shreveport, Louisiana

Check School attending:
School I (weekday) — July 18-21, 1989 ( )
School II (weekend) — July 21-23, 1989 ( )

Name_____

Address_____

_____ Zip_____

Church_____District_____

Studies:
Everyone participates in *The Psalms*
Choose and check one of the following:
The Philippines ( )
The World of Islam ( )

Address if not staying on campus_____

_____

HOUSING

Name_____

Address_____Zip_____

Roommate preferred _____
(Please submit together if possible)

First Floor necessary_____
(Limited number available)

Please check: Night Owl ( ) Early Bird ( )
Smoker ( ) Non Smoker ( )

Arriving: Date_____Time_____

School I_____School II_____

LET'S _____
MEET _____
THE _____
CHALLENGE

Louisiana Conference UMW has pledged $300,000.00 undesignated giving for 1989. This is an increase of $21,953.09 over the $278,046.91 that we gave in 1988.

By participation in the World Thank Offering using 31-derful Ways to Say Thanks and each unit increasing Special Mission Recognitions, Gifts to Mission, and Pledges this challenge can be met.

It was by faith that this pledge was made and by putting works with our faith it can be accomplished and God's love shared around the world.

Mary F. Spell
Treasurer

U. M. W. CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING
Broadmoor United Methodist Church
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DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS
October 7 and October 14

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS' TRAINING
October 20-21

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BROADMOOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene at 1:00 P.M. in the sanctuary of Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Friday, September 15, 1989. A processional of conference officers and dignitaries will signal the beginning of the meeting. Also included in the processional will be a delegate representing each unit of United Methodist Women in our conference. Leading the processional hymn, "Praise to the Lord the Almighty", will be the Handbell Choir and the Women's Ensemble of Broadmoor Church. The theme for the meeting, **"Children - Our Future Today"** will be introduced by nine children, representing each of our nine districts. Accompanied by a District President, each child will carry fresh flowers to be placed on the altar symbolic of our constant prayer that theirs will be a future of peace, love and beauty.

Janelle McCammon, Conference President, will preside over the meeting, with members and guests being welcomed by Dr. Kenneth R. Reed, host minister; Alice Irving, Baton Rouge-Hammond District President; Frances Pearce, Local President; and Linda Powell of the Local Arrangements Committee.

Keynote speaker will be Kathleen Guy, religious affairs director for the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C. Ms. Guy was instrumental in developing the material for the "Campaign for Children," the five-year mission emphasis for the Women's Division.

Alice Story and Lou Alexander are serving as Co-Chairmen of the Annual Meeting Task Force. Linda Powell and Cynthia Holliday have shared duties as co-chairmen of the Local Arrangements Committee. They join in extending a most cordial invitation to all Louisiana United Methodist Women to attend the 1989 Annual Meeting at Broadmoor in Baton Rouge. A warm welcome awaits you!

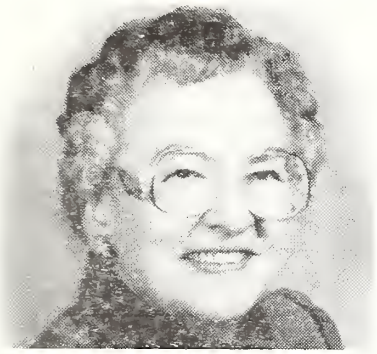
– 1945 –
NO ANNUAL MEETING DUE TO WAR-TIME

Historic and beautiful Rayne Memorial Church, on St. Charles Avenue, in New Orleans, was the setting for the war-time emergency Executive Committee meeting on February 28 - March 1, 1945. Since the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was cancelled due to war-time government restrictions and regulations, it was necessary for the Executive Committee to convene to attend to the important business normally transacted at the spring meeting.

– 1988 –
NO ANNUAL MEETING DUE TO HURRICANE

Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge was to have been the setting of the 1988 Annual Meeting, but hurricane Gilbert cancelled that. A one day meeting to elect officers was held in First United Methodist Church, Pineville, October 15, 1988. The group voted to give Broadmoor 'another chance', so barring floods, hurricanes, wars and pestilence, we will look forward to the 1989 meeting with these gracious and patient people.

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING



Janelle McCammon
Retiring Conference President

"Children - Our Future Today" is the exciting theme of the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women to be held at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, on September 15 and 16, 1989. Every United Methodist Woman of the Louisiana Conference is most cordially invited to attend!

The voting membership (delegates) will be composed of the following persons: members of the conference executive committee, district officers, presidents and chairpersons of former Conferences A and B and their predecessor organizations. Local units shall be represented on the basis of one delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof, providing that every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership shall be determined according to the current Conference Annual Report, unless corrections are given to the Conference President 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. (Standing Rules of the Organization)

Each registered guest is covered by insurance from the time of departure for the event until arrival at home, which is the reason that everyone attending must pay the registration fee. The insurance, cost of packets, and other general expenses are partially covered by this fee.

This year, as in 1988, the program committee, the local committees, and the women of the district are making wonderful plans for this Annual Meeting. The women of the district will assist in providing sandwich lunches on Friday and Saturday and a continental breakfast on Saturday morning. We are most grateful to all who are sharing in the planning and preparation for Annual Meeting, and we all look forward again this year to being in beautiful Broadmoor Church.

This promises to be a memorable meeting with special times of worship, inspiration, information, and fellowship. Bishop William B. Oden, Jr. will lead the communion service. Ms. Kathleen Guy, who is associated with the Children's Defense Fund and helped formulate United Methodist Women's Campaign for Children, will be the speaker for the Friday evening banquet. Other outstanding leaders will be program participants and interest group chairpersons.

I eagerly look forward to seeing each of you at Annual Meeting as we come together to rejoice and give thanks to God for all that has been and all that is yet to be!

Janelle McCammon, Conference President

MISSION CANDLE

We will once again burn the Mission Candle at Annual Meeting as a memorial to those who have gone before us; as a tribute to those who are presently serving; and as a symbol of all the young persons in whom we place our hope for the future.

The cost of support for mission work this year is $36.47 a minute. It would be an extraordinary expression of our dedication to receive sufficient gifts to enable the candle to burn throughout our meeting. To help achieve this, you may submit names to be honored, and these names will be inscribed in the book displayed with the candle.

Send your contributions and the names of those persons you wish honored to: **Shirley Hoffpauir, Route 16, Box 1549, Lake Charles, LA 70605.** Please send your contributions before September 1, 1989. Indicate the appropriate section of the book for the names to appear: past, present, or future.

Let us all join together in keeping the candle burning throughout the entire 1989 Annual Meeting!

HOUSING INFORMATION

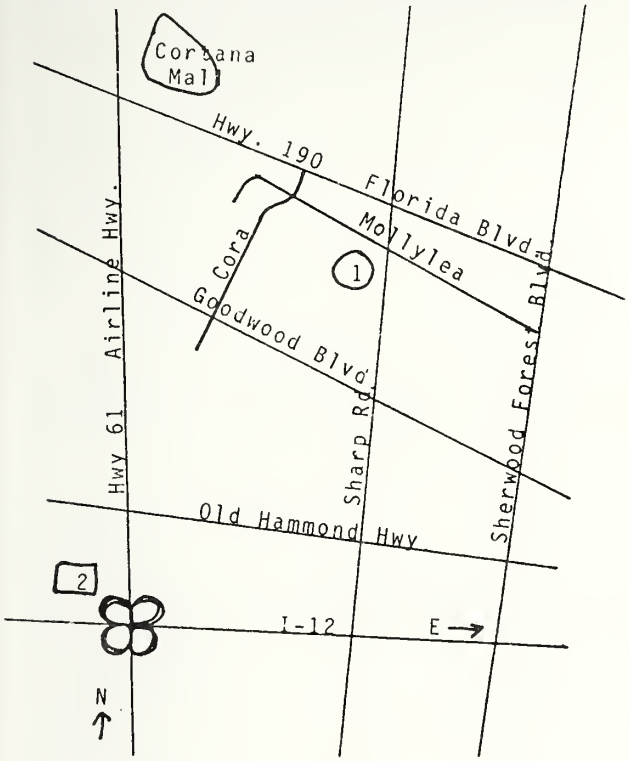
MOTEL: Holiday Inn South
9940 Airline Highway
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (504) 924-7021

ROOM RATES: $44.00 plus 9% tax

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: September 1

TELL THE RESERVATIONIST THAT YOU ARE WITH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!



1 = Broadmoor Church
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(Airline Highway Service Road)

Lou Alexander
Co-chairperson
Annual Meeting Task Group

Alice Story
Chairperson
Annual Meeting Task Group

PROGRAM

Conference Annual Meeting
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
September 15 - 16, 1989
Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Friday, September 15 — 1:00 P.M. — Sanctuary

Organ Prelude . . . . . Dona Lusted
Choral Introit . . . . . Broadmoor Women's Ensemble and Bell Choir
The Processional Hymn . . . . . "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"
Convening of the Annual Meeting . . . . . Janelle McCammon
Affirming Our Purpose
Welcome . . . . . Dr. Kenneth R. Reed
Alice Irving, Frances Pearce, Linda Powell
Recognition of Visitors
Worship . . . . . Rev. Carolyn Brannon
Lighting of the Mission Candle . . . . . A. B. Clark, Marianne Beck
Presentation of the Program . . . . . Alice Story and Lou Alexander
Report of the President
Anthem . . . . . "Celebrate the Good News"
Broadmoor Women's Ensemble
Business

BREAK

UMW Sings . . . . . Judy Zollinger
Hymn
Greetings from the Jurisdiction
Honoring of Retiring Conference Officers . . . . . Estelle Dameron
Introduction of Interest Group Leaders . . . . . Alice Story

BREAK — Report to Interest Groups

Interest Groups

BREAK

Dinner
Entertainment — Broadmoor Women's Ensemble

Friday Evening Worship Service — Sanctuary

Prelude
Choral Introit
Theme Hymn . . . . . "Lord of Life and King of Glory"
Theme Scripture and Prayer . . . . . Lou Alexander
Anthem . . . . . "Gaudeamus Hodie"
Women's Ensemble and Children's Liturgical Dance Choir
Introduction of Speaker . . . . . Betty Ferrington
Address . . . . . Kathleen Guy
Hymn
Benediction
Choral Benediction
Postlude

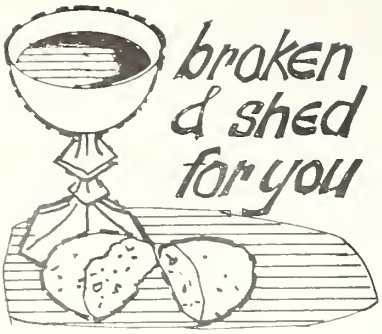
Saturday, September 16, 7:30 A.M. . . . . . Coffee & donuts in gym

Saturday, 8:30 A.M. — Sanctuary

Prelude . . . . . Dona Lusted
UMW Sings . . . . . Judy Zollinger
Call to Worship . . . "In the Morning I will Sing Glad Songs of Praise to You"
Morning Worship . . . . . Rev. Carol Susan Winn
Solo . . . . . "Prayer of St. Francis" . . . . . Karen Story Phillips
Pledge Service . . . . . Judy Rountree
"Crosslines" . . . . . Rev. Elizabeth Irvine
Report on Registration . . . . . Sandra Ainsworth
Special Mission Recognition
"Agenda for Children" . . . . . Judith Watts
About the Offering . . . . . Mary Spell
Offering
Installation of Officers . . . . . Marilyn Oden
Invitation to 1990 Conference Annual Meeting

BREAK

Announcements and Adjournment of Meeting . . . . . Janelle McCammon
Service of Holy Communion . . . . . Bishop William Oden, Celebrant
Dr. Kenneth R. Reed, Liturgist



Bishop William B. Oden

Program

BISHOP TO SERVE AS CELEBRANT

Bishop William B. Oden will serve as celebrant for the Service of Holy Communion when United Methodist Women from Louisiana gather in Baton Rouge for their Annual Meeting.

Elected at the South Central Jurisdictional Meeting last summer, Bishop Oden is completing his first year as Episcopal Head of the United Methodist Church in Louisiana. A native of McAllen, Texas, he grew up in Shawnee, Oklahoma, graduating from Oklahoma State University. He then received his Master of Divinity Degree from Harvard and Doctor of Theology Degree from Boston University.

Bishop Oden has authored several books, and has been a much sought after teacher, speaker and lecturer.

He is married to Marilyn Brown Oden, and they have four grown children.

We are pleased that Bishop Oden will conduct the Service of Holy Communion and bring the Communion Meditation. Assisting the Bishop in serving Communion will be the ministers of the host church, Dr. Kenneth R. Reed, Rev. Pete Spitzkeit, Rev. Bob Bowling, and Rev. Ken Duke.

KATHLEEN A. GUY

Kathleen Guy is the Religious Affairs Director for the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), a national public charity that provides a strong voice for the children of America who cannot vote, lobby, or speak for themselves. CDF's goal is to educate the nation about the needs of children and encourage preventive investment in children before they get sick, drop out of school, suffer family breakdown or get into trouble.

Ms. Guy's responsibilities are to provide technical assistance on children's issues to religious officials and church staff. Her duties include: preparing resources on children and poverty for religious audiences; serving on national church boards and advisory committees; speaking at conferences and events; and training church staff and members on child advocacy issues.

Ms. Guy is author of 'In Celebration of Children'', a CDF column for religious publications, as well as other educational packets, materials, and articles designed for denominations and religious organizations.

Ms. Guy has held several positions in the areas of human service and public policy. Prior to joining the staff of CDF, Kathleen served as the Executive Director of the Berkeley Emergency Food Project in California. From 1980-1984, she served as the Midwest Organizing Team Director for Bread for the World in Washington, D.C. She has also directed a statewide food bank network in Oregon, the first of its kind to be developed in the United States. Kathleen graduated from Loyola-Marymount University in Los Angeles with a B.A. in Theology. She is a member of the Evangelical Luthern Church in America.

Kathleen A. Guy

Dr. Kenneth R. Reed, senior minister at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, will serve as Liturgist for the service of Holy Communion at the 1989 Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women.

Now beginning his sixth year at Broadmoor, Reed served pastorates in Lake Charles and Shreveport before coming to Baton Rouge as District Superintendent of the Baton Rouge-Hammond District. Prior to coming into the Louisiana Conference, he served several churches in the Central Texas Conference.

Linda Powell, Local Arrangements Chairperson
Dr. Kenneth Reed, Host Minister

Personnel

Officers to be Honored in a Very Special Way

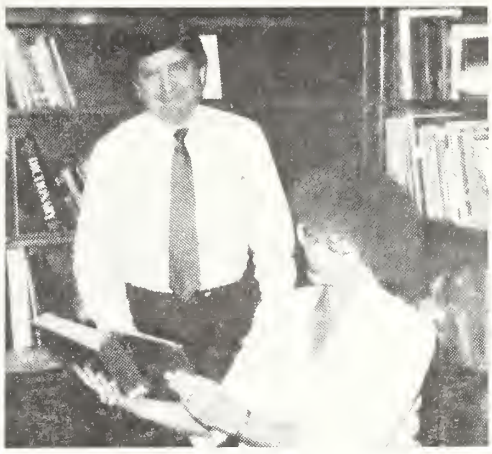
Honoring our retiring President, Janelle McCammon, and the other retiring conference officers, will be Mrs. Estelle Dameron. Mrs. Dameron is beloved by all Methodists in Louisiana where her late husband, the Rev. George Dameron, served pastorates for many years. She is especially dear to United Methodist Women for her wholehearted dedication to the Purpose which we all affirm.

Installing our new officers will be Mrs. William B. Oden (Marilyn). Although she and Bishop Oden have been in Louisiana for only one year, Mrs. Oden has also endeared herself to all of us, and we are so pleased to have her participate in our meeting by installing the newly-elected conference officers.

The times when we recognize our retiring and incoming officers are always special, and we know that with Mrs. Dameron and Mrs. Oden leading these services, they will be very special indeed.

Mrs. Estelle Dameron
To honor Retiring Officers

Mrs. Marilyn Oden
To install New Officers



Wayne Millet, Minister of Music,
and Dona Lusted, Organist,
both on staff at Broadmoor

Special Music and Liturgical Dance Choirs to Enhance Annual Meeting

Broadmoor Women's Ensemble, directed by Wayne Millet, will sing at all three Friday sessions of the Annual Meeting. At the banquet Friday evening their selections will range from the folk song "Shenandoah" to a medley from the Broadway show, "The King and I."

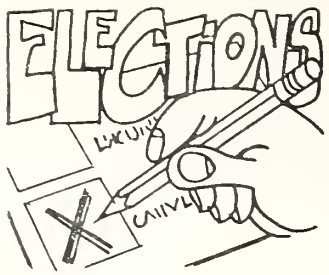
Leading the singing during the meeting will be Judy Zollinger. A member of the hostess unit, she serves the Broadmoor UMW as Chairperson of Membership. A volunteer in the music ministry at Broadmoor, Judy directs the choir of four year olds, "The Merry Music Makers." She is a member of the Chancel Choir, the Women's Ensemble, and the Liturgical Dance Choir.

Participating in the worship services will be two of Broadmoor's Liturgical Dance Choirs. Friday evening, the Children's Liturgical Dance Choir will interpret "Gaudeamus Hodie" as it is sung by the Women's Ensemble.

During the Service of Holy Communion, as Denece Haussler and Jackie Worthy sing "Pie Jesu," the Liturgical Dance Choir will interpret this lovely piece by Andrew Loyd Webber.

Also participating in the Saturday morning worship service will be Karen Story Phillips. Karen, a member of the Zachary United Methodist Church and the daughter of Alice Story, will sing the newly published setting of the beautiful "Frayer of St. Francis" by Allen Pote.

Dr. Dona Lusted will serve as organist and pianist for the meeting. Dona is staff organist at Broadmoor where she also coordinates the children's choir program.



Elections will take place Friday afternoon at the Annual Meeting. The following names are submitted by the Conference Committee on Nominations for office for the new year:

PRESIDENT
Mrs. Norma Winegeart
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Plain Dealing, LA 71064

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Mrs. Wilma Crosby
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DeQuincy, LA 70633

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES
Mrs. Lois Heath
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Baton Rouge, LA 70807

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP
Dr. Marilyn Ray
10341 Flossmoor Drive
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Mrs. Fannie Reddix
1330 Cambaronne Street
New Orleans, LA 70118

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
Mrs. Gladys Prillerman
213 Plano Street
Shreveport, LA 71129

Program Format to Include Interest Groups

The Annual Meeting Task Group has once again scheduled Interest Groups as a part of the Friday afternoon programming. The Registration Form includes a place to indicate your preference of topic. Since choice will be first-come, first-served, it might be a good idea to register early to be sure to get the group of your choice.

One group will focus on the old adage: "Laughter is your best medicine." Speaker will be Fran Spain, a popular humorist from Baton Rouge.

In another group, Wayne Millet will conduct a "Sing-A-Long" using the new hymnal. This group will then sing one hymn at the opening of the Saturday morning session during "UMW Sings."

A panel from Peace Links will also be featured. This group will be led by Marian Selbin, who is well known in the Baton Rouge community for her untiring work toward gaining world peace.

Bob Bowling and Bliss Spillar will coordinate the Volunteers in Mission presentation. Rev. Bowling will discuss the volunteer effort in Mexico, specifically clinics operated under the auspices of CHIA (Christian Hands in Action). Mr. Spillar, Director of Youth Ministries at Broadmoor, will highlight the Volunteers in Mission program of the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, and will relate plans for an Alaskan work-mission-tour scheduled for next summer by Broadmoor youth. Information will be available for anyone interested in learning about "Volunteers in Mission."

"Parenting" offspring of any age is often similar to "walking a balance beam." Carolyn Ellender, a teacher in the East Baton Rouge Parish public schools, will share her tips for successfully negotiating that "beam."

Dr. Marian Wood, a well known psychologist and family counselor in Baton Rouge, will discuss "Stress: How Much is Too Much?" Dr. Wood has conducted many workshops at Broadmoor and is a popular guest on local television talk shows.

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

October 7 Baton Rouge-Hammond District, St. John's UMC, Baton Rouge

Baton Rouge-Lafayette Dist., Louisiana Memorial UMC, Opelousas

Lake Charles District First UMC, Jennings

Monroe District First UMC, West Monroe

New Orleans-Houma Dist. Aurora UMC, New Orleans

New Orleans-Slidell Dist. Cornerstone UMC New Orleans

Ruston District Trinity UMC, Ruston

Shreveport District St. Luke's UMC, Shreveport

October 8 Baton Rouge District (Organizational meeting) Gonzales UMC, Gonzales

New Orleans District (Organizational meeting) St. Matthews UMC New Orleans

Northshore District (Organizational meeting) Pontchatoula UMC Pontchatoula

October 14 Acadiana District (Organizational meeting) Franklin UMC, Franklin

Alexandria District Horseshoe Drive UMC Alexandria

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING
November 3 - 4
Tall Timbers Conference Center
Seola Callahan, Chairperson
Mary Lou France, Vice Chairperson

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
January 28, 1990
To be observed in churches ALL over Louisiana

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 1990

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION
Centenary College, Shreveport, LA
July 17-20, 1990 — July 20-22, 1990
Ola McNaughton, Dean
Gladys Prillerman, Ass't. Dean

REGISTRATION FORM
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING
September 15 - 16, 1989
BROADMOOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10230 Mollylea Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
(504) 924-6269

Send registration form to:
Sandy Ainsworth
3552 Bahin Court
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW
Registration: $ 5.00
Banquet Ticket: 7.00
TOTAL: $12.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ PHONE _____

Check all that apply:

_____ Conference Office - Specify _____
_____ Conference Executive Committee _____
_____ District Officer - Specifiy _____
_____ Local Unit Representative _____
_____ Former Conference President or Guild Secretary
_____ Guest
_____ Voting Delegate

Church _____

City _____

Number in Local Unit _____ District _____

Where will you be staying during the meeting?

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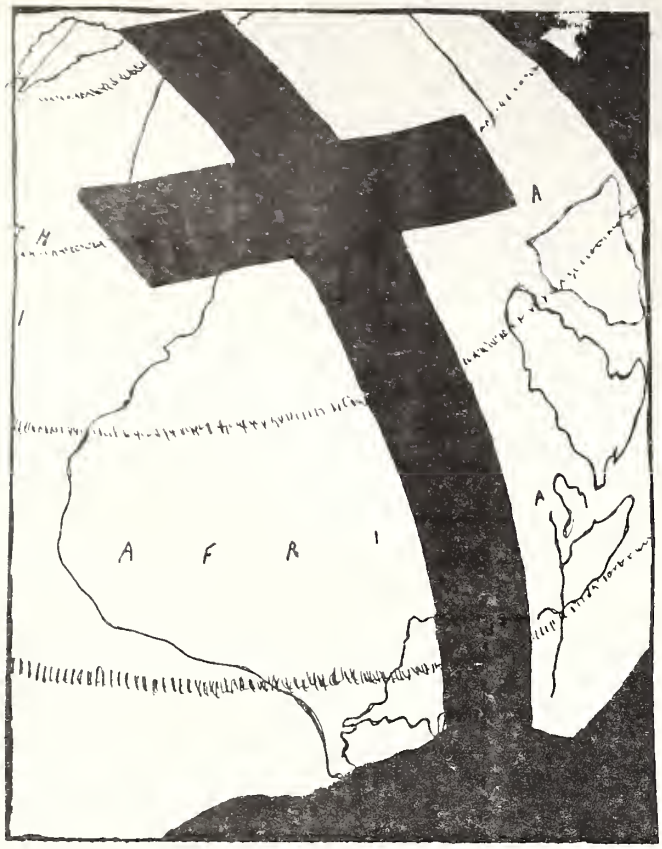
FRIDAY AFTERNOON INTEREST GROUPS

(Please indicate your preference by numbering the topics 1 through 6. Assignments will be made first-come, first-served.)

_____ PEOPLE WORKING FOR PEACE
_____ PARENTING: WALKING THE BALANCE BEAM
_____ VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION
_____ STRESS: HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?
_____ LAUGHTER: YOUR BEST MEDICINE
_____ NEW HYMNAL SING-A-LONG

NOTE: Registration fee includes cost of insurance from time of departure for the meeting until return home, registration packet, and a small part of the expense of the meeting.

Deadline for purchasing banquet ticket: **September 1, 1989**



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"For Such a Time As This". . . . Esther 4:14

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING

DELT, District Elected Leaders Training, will be held November 3 and 4 at Tall Timbers Conference Center, located 13 miles south of Alexandria on Highway 165. The event has been extended to an overnight meeting in order to allow additional time for individual officer training and explanation of the function and role of the district officers as a mission team. The theme for the event is "For Such a Time As This". Rev. Fay Barrhartung will be the worship leader. District officers are elected and installed at the District Annual Meetings in October. It is important that all district elected officers (Nominations Chairperson only) attend DELT. The meeting will begin with the evening meal Friday, November 3, and conclude with the "Sending Forth" at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, November 4.

LISTEN TO A CHILD

And he will teach you something
of love, faith and wonder.
Listen, and you will learn from the child
what this old proverb suggests.

If there is right in the soul,
There will be beauty in the person;

If there is beauty in the person,
There will be harmony in the home;

If there is harmony in the home,
There will be order in the nation;

If there is order in the nation,
There will be peace in the world.

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